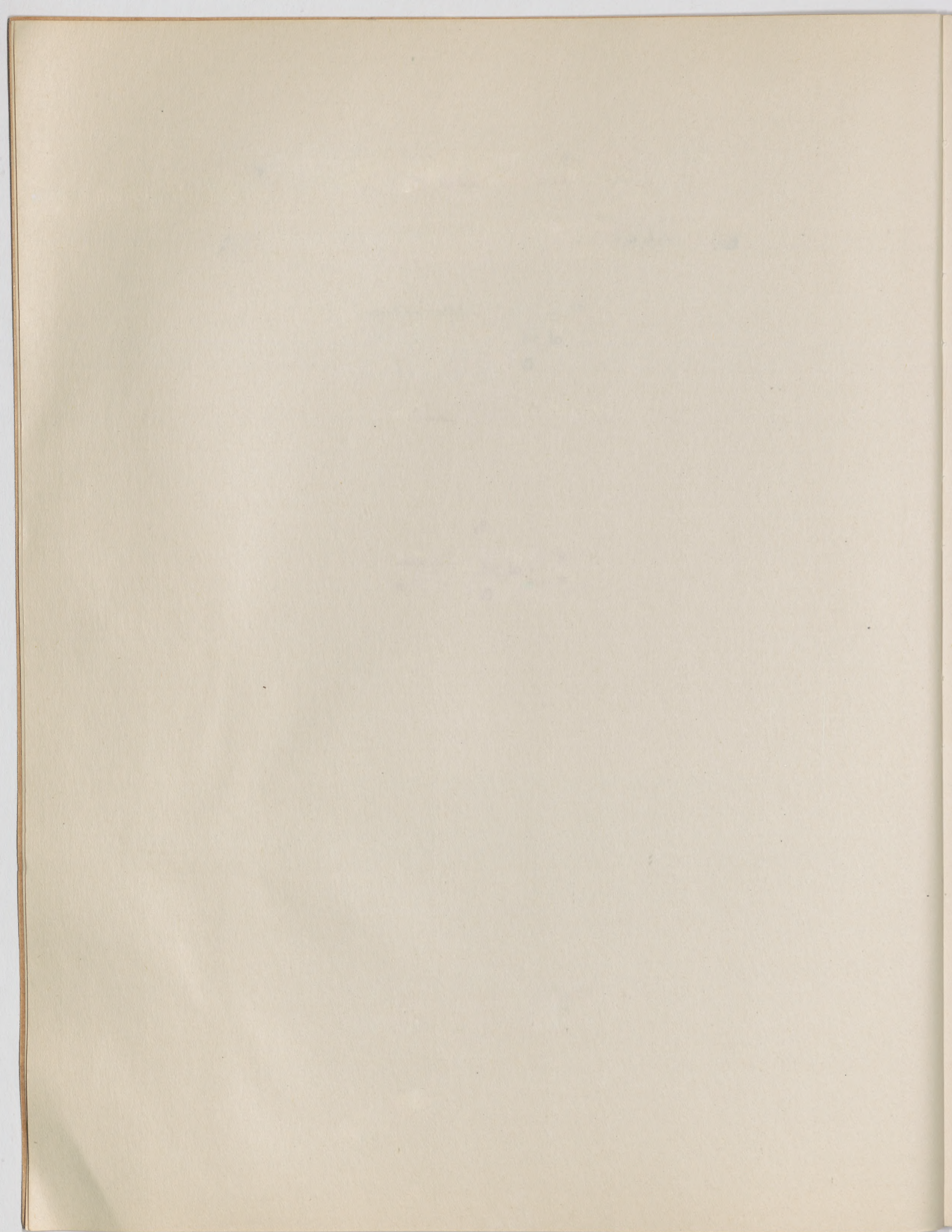


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The Ancestors and Descendants
of John Henderson Bell of
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FOREWORD

The writer has been gathering material on his Bell ancestors for 25 years. At first he was interested in tracing his ancestral line. This gradually developed into "A Record of the Descendants of George Bell, Sr. of Decatur Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania," which was completed in manuscript form in 1924. A summary of this was published in booklet form in 1929 as "Founders of the Bell Family." A second edition was issued in 1930. Subsequent research enabled the writer to prove that George Bell was a son of William Bell of Paxton, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. A brief record of William; his son, George; and his grandson, John, was published in 1937 -- "John Bell of Barree Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania."

While the writer has record of thousands of descendants of William Bell of Paxton, he has decided to publish only the data on the John Henderson Bell branch. The founder of this branch, John Henderson Bell, was born 150 years ago. He was a great-grandson of William, of Paxton. The fact that many of his descendants meet in reunion every three years at Newton Hamilton, Pennsylvania, is one of the reasons for restricting this history to one branch of the Clan.

There is no definite record of our family before 1738 when William Bell was living at Paxton. A migratory people such as the Scotch-Irish often lose sight of their ancestry. This is especially true when life is a struggle for existence. In our family there are no records back of 1738. This history will tell of the Bells in Scotland and Ireland from the general viewpoint. The hundred years from 1738, when William Bell was living at Paxton, to 1838, when John Henderson Bell died near Lewistown, Pennsylvania, will be completely discussed. The record of the children and grandchildren of the great uncles, uncles, and brothers of John Henderson Bell will be given, although the writer has much more material in his files.

The first history of our branch of the family was written July 29, 1887 by Thompson George Bell, a son of John Henderson Bell. This was published in 1912 in booklet form with a number of added facts by Laura H. Bell, a daughter of Thompson's. The booklet was entitled "Biographical Sketches of Our Parents and Other Ancestors."

To those of you who are not certain as to how to look up your branch of the family we recommend the Chart of the Descendants of William Bell (page 47); and the Chart of the Descendants of John Henderson Bell and the Index of all of his descendants (page 59). Abbreviations used in the book are: "B." date of birth; "M." date of marriage; "D." date of death; "c." circa (about); Twp. Township; Co. County; (p.) see that page for information of children of individual; (P.) see that page for information of parents of individual.

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

TO MY FATHER

FRANK THOMPSON BELL

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CHRONOLOGY

- 1735 (about) William Bell settles at Paxton (near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)
1738 Adjoining farms warranted
1746, Jan. 31 William Bell contributes to support of Rev. John Roan
1753-54 Petitions signed by William Bell
1756 (about) Marriage of George Bell, son of William
1763, May 9 William Bell farm warranted
1765 (about) George Bell settles in Mifflin County
1773, May 6 George Bell improves land in Decatur Township
1777-78 George Bell captain in militia
1783, Oct. 29 Death of William Bell, Sr. of Paxton
1786, Apr. 13 Bell farm in Paxton sold
1790 Road run to George Bell's; Marriage of William Bell, son of George
1791, Nov. 13 Birth of John Henderson Bell
1792, Jan. 6 Birth of Mary Sigler, daughter of George Sigler, Jr.
1810, Aug. 22 Marriage of John Henderson Bell and Mary Sigler
1812, Jan. 31 Birth of George Bell, first son (died Nov. 23, 1814)
1816, spring Death of George Bell, Sr. of Decatur
1825 Stone house erected by John Henderson Bell
1827, fall Death of William Bell, father of John Henderson Bell
1828 John Henderson Bell, first Sabbath School supt. in Little Valley
1830 Formation of Little Valley Temperance Association
1837, Nov. 11 Birth of Nancy Jane Bell, first grandchild (died Jan. 3, 1839)
1838, June 8 Death of John Henderson Bell in Decatur Township
1842-43 winter Death of John Henderson Bell's mother, Margaret McCartney Bell
1853 Hallers migrate to Illinois (followed by Martins in 1857)
1856, Dec. 3 Birth of John P. Drake, first great-grandchild
1857, June 19 Death of Mary Sigler Bell

Chapter I

BONNIE SCOTLAND

*"O Scotia! my dear, my native soil!
For whom my warmest wish to Heaven is sent,
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health, and peace, and sweet content!"*

—The Cotter's Saturday Night, Robert Burns

Traditionally our Bell family is of Scotch-Irish origin. This is substantiated by the fact that the first Bell in this country was a Presbyterian elder. The term Scotch-Irish is applied to persons of Scottish blood who emigrated to America from the North of Ireland in the 1700's. Their forebears, natives of Scotland, had settled in Ulster in the 1600's.

The Bells were Lowland Scots and were found chiefly in Dumfriesshire in southern Scotland. The earliest records date from 1300. The Lowland Scots are of composite origin; a mixture of Romanized Britons, Celts, Picts, Scots, Angles, Danes, Norsemen, and Normans. The typical Lowlander is of fair height, long-legged, strongly built, with no tendency of becoming stout. His eyes are bright, his features regular, and his cheeks prominent. Of all the men of the British Isles, those of southern Scotland are noted for their tall stature. (Hanna)

The record of the Bells in Dumfriesshire is given in "The Bell Family in Dumfriesshire" by James Steuart (1932). Many of the facts given here are taken from that book. The Dumfriesshire Bells seem to have centered in Middlebie Parish. In 1835 it was said of Middlebie:

"This parish has been long celebrated for its families of the name of Bell -- so much so that the Bells of Middlebie became a common expression in Dumfriesshire. . . . These families have mostly now become extinct in the parish, but the prevalence of their name in a former age is testified by the figure of a Bell found on a great proportion of our gravestones." (Rev. Richard Nivison, minister of Middlebie Parish, writing in the Statistical Account 1835.)

Steuart says: "It is a curious fact that a tract of country extending to about forty square miles should have first been occupied by a clan bearing one name, various members of which race later became the proprietors of most of the acres in the district. After the lapse of about a century these proprietors gradually parted with their possessions." They were all Presbyterians and mostly yeoman farmers. Most of them have now migrated to America, other parts of the British Isles, and the British Empire.

In the summer of 1938 the writer visited Middlebie Parish. He had tea at the home of Mr. George Bell of Glenvohr, Waterbeck. Mr. Bell's family is the last of the Bells left in Middlebie. Middlebie Parish lies in Annandale, the valley of the Annan River. Kirtle Water is the branch that flows through Middlebie. (See map.) Middlebie village is about five miles north of Annan; about nine miles northwest of Gretna Green on the border between Scotland and England; and 17 miles northwest of Carlisle, England. Middlebie Parish is about 200 to 400 feet above sea level. The land rises gradually as one goes north from the Solway Firth. The northern part of the parish marks the beginning of rugged hills which rise to 1000 feet above sea level. Far to the south on clear days can be seen the blue hills of Cumberland County, England.

Middlebie Parish is today beautiful countryside with stone and hedge fences, and simple Scottish farms and houses. The land is rolling and broken; woods and streams add to the picture. There are a number of estates, but most of the houses are cottages (1 1/2 stories) with a small shed attached, or farmhouses (2 1/2 stories)

with several sheds, more like small barns. Sheep, oats fields, and hay ricks are in evidence. All the farms (small to an American) are spick and span. People take pride in their houses and land.

The Kirk of the Parish -- Middlebie Kirk -- is at the village of the same name. When it was rebuilt in 1928 of red sandstone, a building stone dated 1692 was found. In a history of the Church published in The Annandale Observer and Advertiser August 5, 1938 (the day before the writer arrived in Annandale) Rev. E. H. Duke wrote:

"The first minister of whom I have any record was the Rev. Thomas Bell, M.A., who was admitted in 1615. . . . I need not go through the list of ministers. The first three were named Bell, indicating . . . that the Bells were now predominant in the parish. The stones in the churchyard give the same indication. Bell is much the commonest name there."

A Priest of Middlebie is mentioned in the 13th century. The foundation of the church is laid so that the chancel points exactly east. This dates the first church before the Reformation. The present Middlebie Parish was formed June 24, 1609 by the union of three parishes Carruthers, Middlebie, and Pennersax. The silver communion cups still in use were made in Edinburgh in 1617.

In the churchyard today there are about 80 stones. Half of these are Bells and date back to the 1500's. Several have on them the Bell coat of arms (three bells). A tablet in the church lists Robert, Frank, John, George, and Andrew Bell as soldiers of the first World War. The first three ministers were:

1615-1622 Thomas Bell, M.A.

1630-1648 Thomas Bell

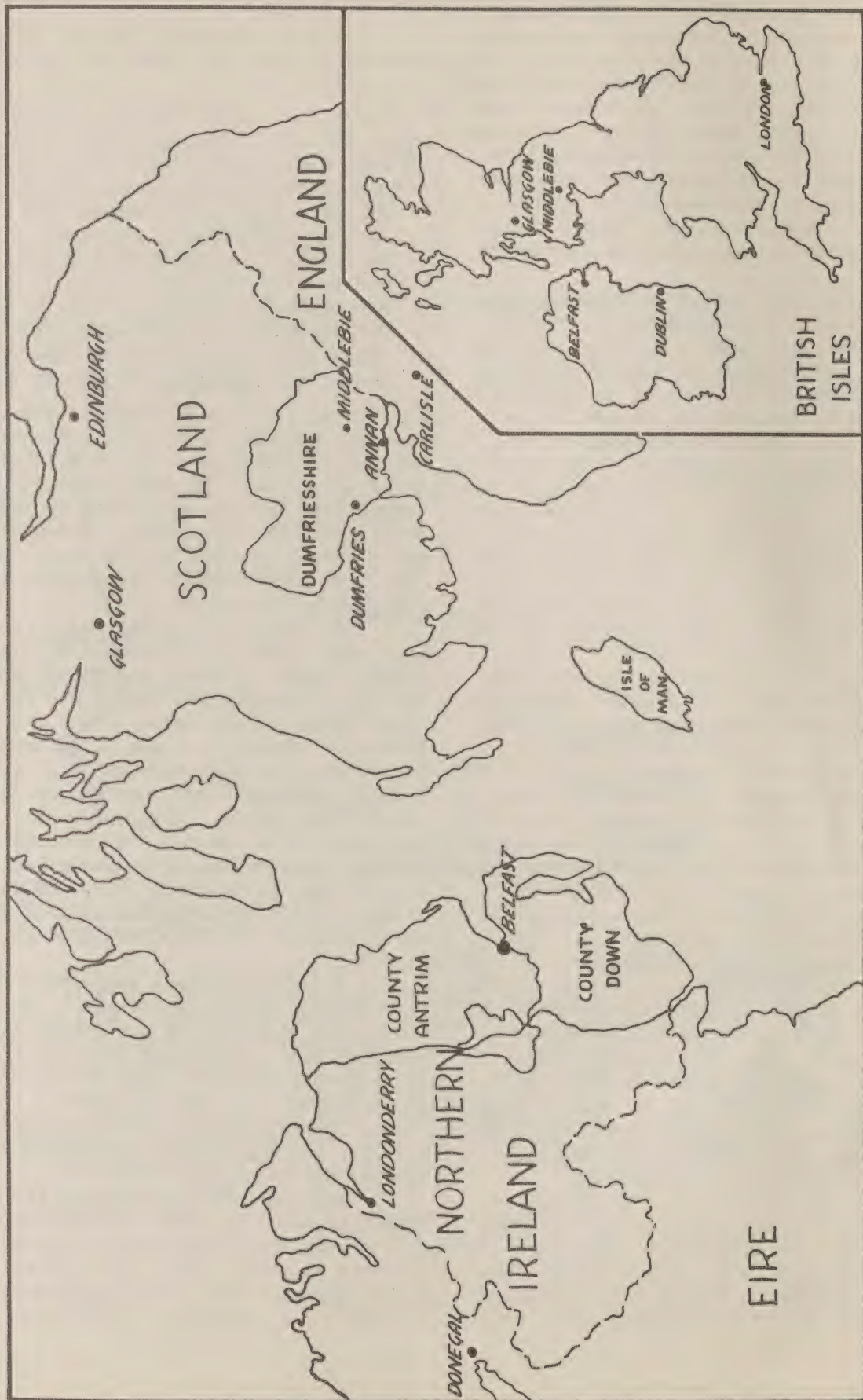
1649-1662 John Bell, M.A.

The Bells are of reputed Norman origin. This is suggested in the name of the first Bell mentioned in Dumfriesshire records (1304) Gilbert le fitz Bel. Other Bells mentioned are Thomas Bell (1304), John and William Bell (1335). The early place names associated with the Bells in Middlebie tell something of origins: Middlebie (first mentioned 1291) -- Norse, "middle farm"; Albie -- Old English and Norse, "old farm"; Blackethouse (1194) -- Old English, "black wood house"; Pennersax

(1218) -- Welsh, "hill of the Saxon"; Torbeckhill (1218) -- Norse, "Thora stream hill"; Carruthers (1327) -- Welsh, "fort of Rydderch"; Kirkconnell (1427) -- "Church of St. Connell"; Toftgate (1511) -- Old English and Danish, "farmgate". Near Middlebie Kirk was once a Roman camp, Blatobulgium. Middlebie is not far from the English border, so the Bells were engaged in many border fights.

"The mass of the people -- as distinguished from the great proprietors who lived in peel towers for protection -- dwelt in hovels liable at any moment to be destroyed either by the English or by the occupants themselves with a view to leaving the district bare for the invaders. Having no home comforts, always on the alert, a race was bred, hardy, brave, but cruel; consequently these Scottish Borderers were a sad trial to the Crowns of both Scotland and England and those entrusted with the government or attempts at government on the marches. The records of the time bear witness to the constant turmoil between opposing nations, chiefs, and individuals. The causes of these disturbances may roughly be grouped into those due to national rivalries between the Scots and English, to the necessity of an impoverished people having to seek for the means of sustaining themselves by forcibly possessing themselves of the movable goods of those dwelling south of the Debatable Land, to reprisals by the English, and to punitive expeditions. But in addition to these factors there were the local troubles consequent upon the jealousies of the great overlords in Annandale, feuds between different clans, and also the fact that many of the questions of civil right were not decided by the Courts but by the disputants taking the law into their own hands. In a country in such a state, fighting, attacks on property and person, woundings and murder were of constant occurrence.

"The attempts at 'policing' the marches were varied but generally futile. In addition to the drastic remedy of hanging, outstanding members of a clan were held as hostages for the others. These pledges were put in the custody of unfortunate landowners in the centre of Scotland, from whom they invariably escaped, rendering the custodians liable in monetary payments. The local magnates were made



responsible by bonds for the good behaviour of their followers, but these leaders were generally as guilty as their retinue. In the time of James VI the landed men of Berwick, Roxburgh, Selkirk, and Peebles bound themselves not to reset, harbour, or intercommoun with the thieves inhabiting Liddisdale, Eskdale, Ewisdale, and Annandale -- including all persons of the name of Bell and 'utheris notorious thevis thair wyffis, bairnis, tenentis, and servandis'

"The Bell family undoubtedly for centuries were classed among the other Border clans as raiders, thieves, and broken men, and it might be thought unlikely that respectable citizens of the present day would be desirous to include in their pedigree such notorious criminals. It must, however, be remembered that these 'rude forefathers' were the victims of circumstances. They were trained in a school of adversity, and their deeds of daring, sung in the Border Minstrelsy and now surrounded with a romantic halo, were essential elements in forming and moulding the characters for which the Borderers are celebrated." (Steuart)

In 1547 the English defeated the Scotch at the Battle of Pinkie. Among the Bells who surrendered September 10, 1547 were:

"Laird of Tinnel (Tinwald) -----	102
Simon Carruthers (of Mouswald) -----	41
Bells of Tostints (Toftyetts) -----	142
Bells of Tindills (Tinwald) -----	222"

In another list the Bells who swore allegiance to Edward VI in 1552 were:

"Belles of Midlebye -----	104
The Bells of Tofteyeates,	
Kirkconwell, Land, Mydlebye,	
and the Kirk -----	312
Edward Maxwell of Tynnell -----	81"

A list of most able horsemen to defend their country 1563-1566 included: "The Belles of Myddilbie called of Castlemilk -- xxvj horsemen; The Belles of Carrutheris and Toftyates -- xiiij horsemen; The Belles of Tyndale -- Dave Bell of the Bog -- x horsemen; This surnem dekeyeth."

In 1597 the Bells were listed as one of the "certain broken clans" of Dumfriesshire. The "chief men of name not being lairds" were "Will Bell of Alby, John Bell of the Tourne, Mathie Bell called the King, Andro Bell called Lokkis Andro, Will

Bell Reidcloke."

A good picture of the men of those days is given in the tombstone inscription of one John Bell:

"Here lyeth JOHN BELL who died in ye yhere MDX and of hys age LXXX yheres.
Here bluidy Bell, baith skin and bane,
Lies quietly still aneath this stane;
He was a stark moss-trooper kent,
As ever drave a bout o'er bent;
He byrnt ye Lockwood Tower and Hall,
And dang ye ladye o'er ye wall;
For whilk ye Johnstone stout and wyte
Set Blackheth a' in lowe by night,
Whyle cried a voice, as if frae Hell,
Haste, open ye gates for bluidy Bell."

There were many changes between 1545 when the Register of the Privy Council began and 1800 when most of the Middlebie Bells were gone. The early lawlessness had turned into settled conditions by 1650. About that time the lords of Annandale began to grant charters to the land. Before that time patriarchal chiefs rather than feudal superiors ruled.

The Bells held Kirkconnell from 1426 till about 1550. In Pennersax William, Richard, David, Walter, and Thomas Bell were listed as witnesses in 1432. The Bells owned Albie from at least 1459. Jok of Albie was apparently a man of importance. One of his sons was known as "Will the Red Cloak." John Bell of Crowdieknowe dated back to the 1500's. Mr. George Bell of Waterbeck is in the ninth generation of this family. Ronald Bell of Godsbrig and Scotsbrig was mentioned about 1600; and William of Neuk in 1574. David Bell of The Hill was listed in 1459; and Oswald of The Hill in 1585.

The two principal early Bell families in Middlebie were at Albie and at Blackethouse. William Bell of Albie held land as early as 1459. John Bell ("Jok of Albie") was probably killed in 1593 at the Battle of Dryfesands. He had a number of sons: John of Albie (granted a charter, 1631), William, Walter, Thomas, Francis, Richard, Fergus, Robert, David.

John Bell of Blackethouse was mentioned as early as 1459. For a time Bells all through the Kingdom acknowledged Blackethouse as their chief. William Bell of Blackethouse, called "Will the Red Cloak" and "Chief of the Bells", flourished (and



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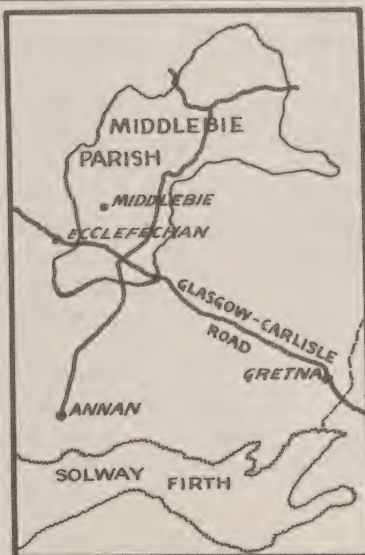
A FALCON WITH WINGS
EXPANDED, ERMINE.



MOTTO

NEC QUÆRERE HONOREM
NEC SPERNERE.
(NEITHER SEEK NOR
DISDAIN HONORS)

BELL



BELL

got into a number of border raids and fights) 1578 to 1623. He was a tenant under Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig. William's sons were: Francis, John, Walter, and William. Among the "borderers who gallantly bore the sword in defense of their fatherland" were listed the Douglas, Johnstone, Carlyle, Irving, and Bell families.

It was in the 1600's that the Lowland Scotch including many Bells, began to cross to North Ireland. During the reign of James I, who was made king in 1603, the Bible was translated, the Puritans went to America, and Ulster was planted with Lowland Scots. King James had confiscated the lands of the Irish Catholics and evicted the native Irish. Many Scots were attrac-

ted to Ulster by hope of new opportunities, lower rents, more freedom, and room for expansion. Although many Bells went to Ireland, in 1861 the name Bell ranked 43rd in Scotland numerically (there were over 10,000 Bells).

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Chapter II

AN IRISH COTTAGE

*"I knew by the smoke that so gracefully curled
Above the green elms, that a cottage was near,
And I said, 'If there's peace to be found in the world,
A heart that is humble might hope for it here!'"*

—I Knew By the Smoke That So Gracefully Curled, Thomas Moore

Our Bell ancestors sometime in the 1600's migrated from southern Scotland to northern Ireland. Many Lowland Scots, principally from Ayr, Galloway, and Dumfries, left heather clad mountains and grazing flocks for a new home in Antrim and Down.

King James I seized the estates of the Irish Catholic earls in Ulster about 1610, evicted the native Irish, and started colonizing the land with Scots. Many Scotch, glad for economic and religious reasons to obtain a new home, settled in the six northern counties. By 1620 there were 35,000; by 1641 100,000 Scots in Ulster. They brought their Presbyterianism with them and retained their racial entity.

The early records show that most of the Bells settled in Antrim and Down, the counties nearest Scotland. As late as 1890 the name Bell ranked 10th in Antrim and 14th in Down. In the 1631 muster rolls there are 27 Bells in County Down and 6 in County Antrim. John Bell is the most common name (13); with Thomas (5) and George next (4); other names are William (3), David, James, Roger (each 2), Andrew, Walter (each 1).

The complete list is: County Down ---Bell James, William, John Jr. (2) - Earl of Kildaire; Thomas, Walter, George, William, John (2) - Crumwell; Andrew, James, Roger, John (3) - Ardes; John, David (2), William, Thomas (2), George - Clannaboyes; none - Iron Mills; John - Bishop; George, Roger - Dunmore; John - miscellaneous. County Antrim---Bell John - Dunluce; John - Belfast; John, George, Thomas (2) - Mazareene.

It is not possible to tell where our immediate family lived in northern Ireland. A number of traditions have been handed down, but they cannot be verified.

One account says:

"So near to Scotland was their home in Ireland that with the naked eye on a clear day white clothes could be seen hanging out on the Scotch shore." If this refers to our family, they lived in the neighborhood of Carrickfergus or on the County Down coast between Bangor and Donaghadee. Another tradition says the Bells were linen manufacturers. Belfast was the center of this trade. Names handed down are Armagh, Antrim, and Randalstown. None of these traditions can be verified.

The Bells in northern Ireland seem to have centered in southern Antrim and northern Down. The counties are divided into baronies. The geographical distribution of the Bells in Antrim has been determined from the County Antrim Hearthmoney Rolls in 1669. (County Down is missing.) The list by baronies is given (the parish is a sub-division of the barony):

Belfast	15
Mazareene	14
Antrim	12
Tuam	9
Kilconway	3
Dunluce	1
Carey, Glenarm	0

The distribution of given names among the Bells is:

John	13
William	9
Thomas	5
James	4
Robert, Walter	each 3
George	2
Alexander, Patrick,	
Richard,	each 1

In the Hearthmoney Rolls are listed parish, town, name of taxable, number of hearths, number of fireplaces without chimneys.

In the County Down Subsidy Roll for 1663 are listed: Castlereagh Barony, Parish of Taunaghnieve, John Bell of Ballykrell, L 4 - 12 - 6; Lower Iveagh Barony, Division of Kilwarlin, George Bell of Agnelecke, L 4 - 0 - 0; Lecale Barony, Bright Parish, James Bell of Castleskrin, L 3 - 0 - 0.

The only geographical distribution of Bells in County Down available is for 1813-1821. By baronies:

Upper Iveagh	33
Lower Iveagh	25
Ards	10
Castlereagh	10
Kinnelarty	4
Dufferen, Lecale	each 1
Mourne, Newry	each 0

Given names are:

John	17
James	15
William	13
Robert	9
George, Thomas	each 5
Andrew, Henry	each 3
Hugh, Richard, Samuel	each 2
Adam, Benjamin, Daniel, Francis,	
Joseph, Matthew, Patrick	each 1

Since Iveagh adjoins Mazareene (County Antrim) on the south and Belfast is just east of these baronies, it appears that most of the Bells in northern Ireland were located within a 25 mile radius of Belfast.

Early Presbyterian ministers in Ulster named Bell were:

Alexander, David, Hugh, James, John (4) Thomas, William. A number of Presbyterian elders are listed before 1740:

<u>Bell</u> William	Carrickfergus	1694
John	Donnpatrick	1694
John	Ahoghill	1698
Francis	Aughnacloy	1710
James	Comber	1711
Alexander	Drum	1711
James	Burt	1721

A search for Bell wills at Belfast showed the following from the Connor Diocese (before 1750):

County Antrim

<u>Bell</u> Alexander	Trumery	1724
Andrew		1648
Andrew		1694
James	Belfast	1707
James	Ferranagussog	1715
Jane	Belfast	1718
John	Antrim	1707

John	Knocknamuckle	1716
John	Belfast	1717
John	Dunegore	1723
Margaret	Belfast	1726
Margery	Bellyclare	1730
Richard	Bellygown	1717
Richard	Trumry	1725
Robert	Maghereagh	1731
Samuel	Duncan	1725
Thomas	Dunegore	1672
Thomas	Antrim	1686
William	Templepatrick	1714
William	Carrickfergus	1745

County Down

<u>Bell</u> Adam Sr.	Newtown (farmer)	1743
Andrew	Dumbo	1739
Hugh	Comber (clothier)	1703
James	Ballystockert	1715
James	Ballystockert	1737
John	Saltwatermill	1680
John	Ballyhigle	1701
John	Revernon (yeoman)	1703
John	Cattogs	1717
John	Downpatrick	1748
Robert	Newtown (merchant)	1697
Robert	Lisnastreen (farmer)	1730
Thomas	Ballystrew	1693
William	Cargeaughnebreage	1742

Connor Diocese includes only a portion of Antrim and Down.

Burke's Transcript Wills include:

(1) Captain Arthur Bell, Esq. of Kilkenny died 1658, wife Anne. Children: Arthur, Samuel, Daniel, Elizabeth, and Dorothy. (2) John Bell, merchant of Belfast, died 1714-15, children: Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, Hannah, and Elinor. (3) Robert Bell, merchant of Lisburn, County Antrim, died 1746, (widow Susanna, died 1760).

In the summer of 1938 the writer made a visit to Belfast and vicinity. He found the Belfast Public Library, Public Record Office, and Presbyterian Historical Society principal sources of information. A walk into the green, rolling Irish countryside in County Antrim showed white-washed cottages, oats fields, hay ricks, high hedges, small farms - a peaceful scene.

Before the Scotch had been in Ireland many decades, persecutions for non-conformity began. Landlords and bishops began to make trouble. The Scotch as tenants had broken up the pasture land and made the fields productive. They built homes; raised sheep, hogs, and cattle. Towns and villages sprang up. When their

wool industry was taxed heavily, they turned to linen.

Since the Presbyterians were tenants under lease, they were subject to the landlords. In 1717 and 1718 rents were greatly increased. In 1725, 1726, and 1727 the harvests were poor. People began to leave for America. As early as 1715 the flow of Scotch-Irish to Pennsylvania began.

"Harrassed and distraught by religious restrictions, increased rentals, burdensome tithes, and vexatious limitations upon industry and trade" (Klett) the more enterprising of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians began to migrate. Many were people engaged in the linen trade. Ministers often played leading roles.

There was considerable migration in 1718 and 1724; by 1728 governmental officials began to be alarmed. In 1725-1727 5,000 left Ireland. In 1729, 25 ships sailed from Londonderry, each with 140 passengers. An attempt in 1735 to restrict migration increased the movement. At the height of the exodus 12,000 left Ulster annually. A similar exodus occurred 1768-1773.

"As the departing emigrants watched the shoreline of the homeland recede from their sight, many conflicting emotions must have surged through them." Even their severe experiences could not erase all feeling of devotion. The long voyage was dreaded. The way was long and dangerous. The ships were poor; the seas stormy; food and water scarce; disease and pirates

threatened. With favorable conditions the crossing required about nine weeks. The landing was generally made at or near Philadelphia. (Klett)

Imagine how these emigrants felt, as they said farewell to their friends and relatives. They were going to an unknown land. Long had they heard the magic word "America," but now as they left home-ties, there was a tingle in their veins as they thought of the future. Would they ever see Old Ireland again?

Pennsylvania was chosen because of the chance for religious freedom and because the physiographic features "afforded an energetic people sufficient opportunity to reap bountifully." (Klett) The country was rolling and fertile. The rainfall was abundant and there were plenty of streams. The people who had made Ireland productive had a chance to make another wilderness blossom as the rose. They pushed west in Pennsylvania to the lands opening for settlement.

Many of the Bells stayed in Ireland, for in 1890 there were still 7,500 left in Ulster.

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Chapter III

A NEW HOME IN PENN'S WOODS

*"His echoing axe the settler swung
Amid the sea-like solitude,
And, rushing, thundering, down were flung
The Titans of the wood.
His roof adorned a pleasant spot
'Mid the black logs green glowed the grain,
And herbs and plant the woods knew not
Throve in the sun and rain....."*

—The Settler, Alfred B. Street

Most of the Scotch-Irish landed at Philadelphia. They pushed west to the frontier where there were a number of Presbyterian settlements. The purchase from the Indians in 1736 of the land lying south of the Blue Mountains opened up much farming country. Paxton and the Cumberland Valley became the Scotch-Irish center in America.

As early as the 1720's Scotch-Irish settlers were locating at Paxton (just east of the site of Harrisburg). Here we find our ancestor William Bell in 1738. This was the year that most of the land grants were made. For some reason William Bell's tract was never warranted until 1763; but the tracts to the east and west of him were warranted in 1738. To the east James Chambers took up 200 acres, which were warranted May 6, 1738; there is no record of the survey date. To the west John Scott located 232 acres; warranted June 8, 1738; surveyed June 5, 1740. In this 1740 survey William Bell was mentioned as living to the east. This is the first record of William Bell. The shape of the Scott tract would indicate that Bell settled first. This would make his date of settlement probably about 1735.

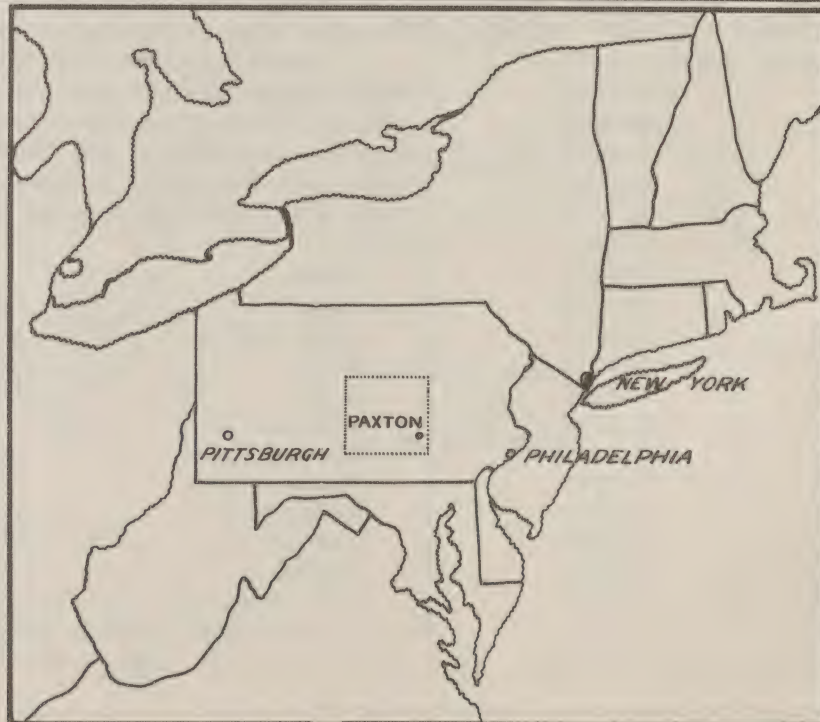
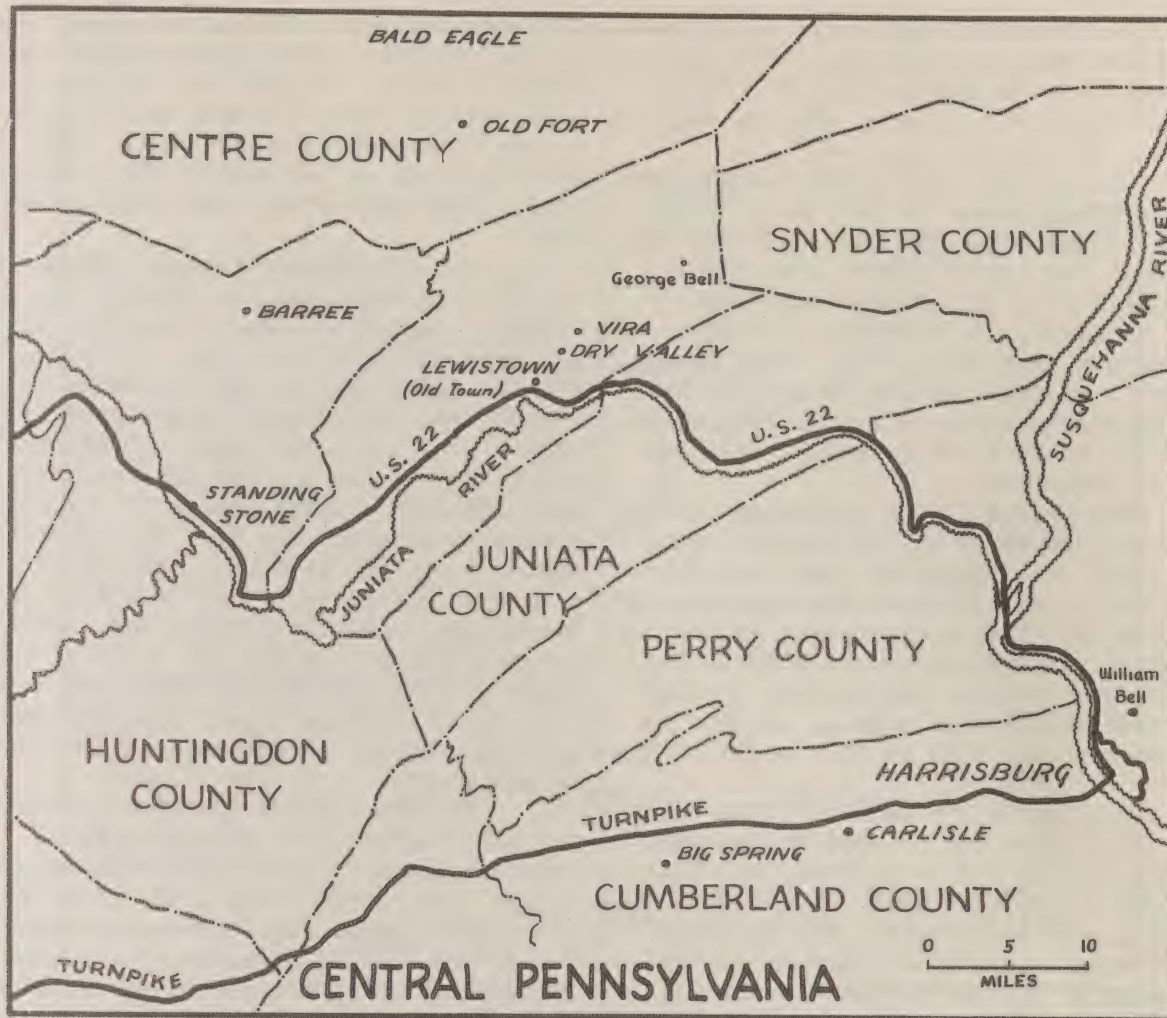
There is little doubt that William Bell came from Ireland shortly before settling at Paxton. Since his oldest son was born in 1732, William was married about 1731, whether in Ireland or America is not known. He was probably about 25 when he was married. The name of his wife is given by tradition as Jane (Jean) Lea, but there is no record or proof. William Bell may have lived in Chester County a short time before going to Paxton, or as one tradition says, he may have lived first in

New Jersey.

At any rate William Bell was living on his 203 acre Paxton farm in June 1740. It seems certain that he died on this same land October 29, 1783. The farm is located on Paxton Creek in what is now Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. It is about 1 1/2 miles north of Progress, a suburb of Harrisburg (see map). The sons of William Bell sold the farm to Josiah Espey in 1786. The Espeys sold it in 1853 to the Trullingers who owned it until 1926. For nearly 200 years the farm was owned by three families.

On the farm there stands today an old stone house which may have been built by the Bells before the Revolution, but there is no way of proving it. The house has thick walls and a ten foot fireplace. In this house the Bells may have lived during the stirring days of the Revolution. An estimate of its building date might be around 1760. Perhaps after building a stone house William Bell decided to warrant the land. The tract was called "Bell's Increase"; warranted May 9, 1763; surveyed May 20, 1763; patented May 28, 1773. One of the Trullingers who lived in the house remembered the Espeys coming back to visit. One hundred years ago the barn was log with a rye straw roof. The farm is a fine one with a beautiful location. The house stands at the edge of a meadow through which runs Paxton Creek.

The Paxton in which William Bell settled was a typical Scotch-Irish frontier settlement. Farming was the principal occupation and much of the land had to be cleared. Simple log cabins were erected at first, followed by more substantial log



houses. A history of the Bells is a history of the Paxton settlement. The decades following 1735 brought settlement, rapid growth, Indian wars, peace, and the Revolution.

The Scotch-Irish always established Presbyterian churches as soon as a settlement was under way. The Paxton Church was started in the 1720's. Rev. John Elder was installed as minister November 22, 1738. He served for many years. A stone building was erected in 1740. When George Whitfield visited America in 1740 he drew such large congregations around Paxton that provincial authorities feared harvesting would be neglected.

The growth of the settlement is reflected in the split in the Presbyterians about 1745. The "New Side" was more liberal and not so strict about the education of the ministry. They were opposed by the "Old Side" who rallied around Elder. The New Side Paxton group called John Roan as a minister and built a church. Roan's account book dating 1746 to 1764 tells of the Bells.

William Bell's name is fifth on the list. He is preceded by John Montgomery, James Armstrong, Andrew Cochran, and William Chambers. William Bell is listed in 1761 as one of the elders. His subscription at first was eight shillings a year. The record of his church payments is one of the best proofs of his continued residence at Paxton.

The sums given yearly are:

Jan. 31-1746	L 0:04:0
Sept. 17-1746	0:04:0
Aug. 5-1747	0:08:3
Aug. 8-1748	0:07:9
July 26-1749	0:08:0
Sept. 24-1750	0:08:0
Apr. 29-1751	0:08:0
Apr. 27-1752	0:10:0
Oct. 6-1753	0:10:0
Apr. 29-1754	0:10:0
May 31-1755	0:10:0
June 23-1756	0:10:0
Nov. 18-1757	0:15:0
July 28-1758	0:07:6
Oct. 9-1759	0:10:0
Sept. 1-1760	0:10:0
Oct. 12-1761	0:10:0
Sept. 10-1762	0:10:0
Sept. 14-1763	0:10:0

The account book ends in 1764. It

is to be found in the Dauphin County Historical Society files. Other Bells who contributed are: George Bell (probably son of William): Nov. 19-1760, L0:07:6; Dec. 9-1762, L0:10:0 (for two years). John Bell (probably son of William), 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762. John Bell ("William's son-in-law"), 1760.

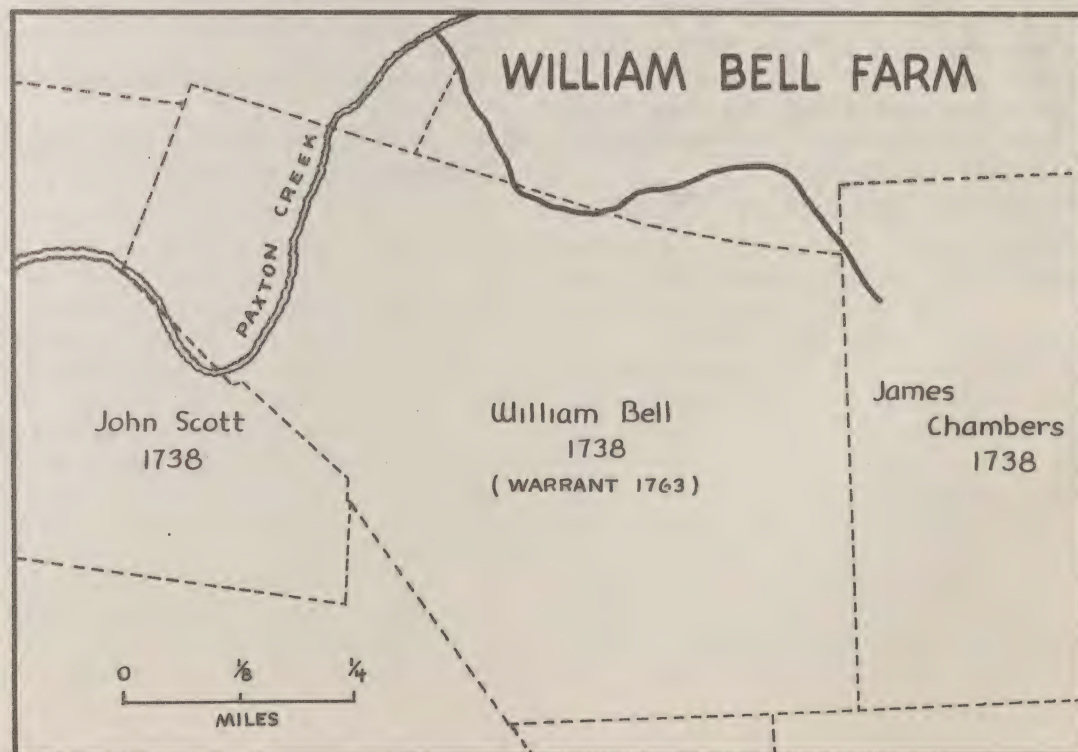
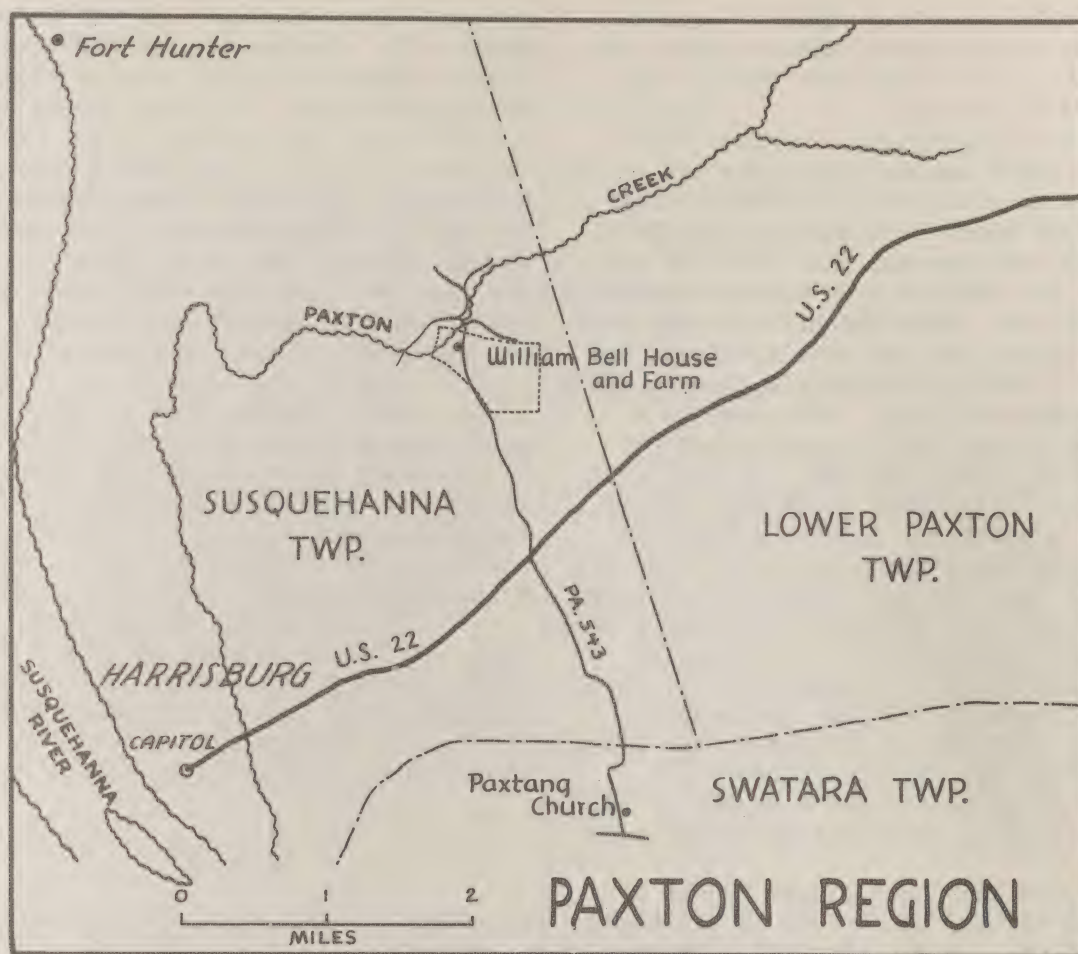
The differences between the New Side and the Old Side began to diminish in the 1760's. Soon after Roan's death in 1775 the congregations were one. A few grave-stones still stand in the old New Side churchyard. The church disappeared before 1800. A tablet today reads: "This tablet marks the site of the New Side churchyard given by Capt. Joseph Sherer to the congregation of which the Rev. John Roan was pastor from 1745 to 1774. Here lie the pioneers, defenders of the frontier, soldiers of the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812." Whether William Bell, Sr. is buried here or in the Old Side churchyard (now Paxtang Presbyterian Church) a few miles to the south is not known.

The tax records for Paxton Township are not complete, but William Bell is listed in all the years for which records exist, 1749, 1750, 1756, 1758, 1770-1773, 1779, 1780, 1782. In 1750 he was tax collector and in 1761 overseen of the poor. In November 1753 he signed a petition for a road; in 1754 (July 22) a petition asking for protection against the Indians.

These Scotch-Irish pioneers had some hardships, but no doubt they were typical farmers of the colonial era. There are few accounts of how they lived, but they were happy and independent. There were eleven children in William Bell's family:

John	born 1732
George	born about 1734
Jean (Jane)	born about 1736
Sarah	born about 1738
Mary	born about 1741
William	born 1743
Dorcas	born about 1746
Thomas	born about 1748
Margaret	born about 1750
Arthur	born Jan. 11-1753
Andrew	born about 1755

Arthur Bell in applying in 1832 for a Revolutionary pension said he was living in 1776 at the same place at which he was



born. While the older children may have been born before their father settled at Paxton, the others were all born on the Bell farm at Paxton.

Nothing definite is known about whom the girls married; only the two older boys were married before the Revolution. George Bell about 1756 married Mary Bell, of one of the numerous Bell families of Paxton. In 1760 and 1762 he contributed to Roan's salary. From the hills on the Bell farm in Paxton one can look northwest to the gap in the Blue Mountains through which the Susquehanna flows. Doubtless as a young man George Bell longed to explore the country beyond the gap. In 1755 just before the Indian Wars broke out, Arthur Forster, a neighbor, located a tract in what is now Derry Township, Mifflin County. Ten years later at the close of the Indian Wars, George Bell settled on adjoining land. This land was reached by following the Susquehanna up to the Juniata River, then up the Juniata to Old Town (Lewistown). Forster's land was on Kishacoquillas Creek, which enters the Juniata at Lewistown. George Bell no doubt made a number of exploring trips to this section before settling.

John Bell, the oldest son of William, was married about 1762 to Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of Robert Boyd, of Paxton. On May 16, 1763, the land north of William Bell, Sr. was surveyed in John Bell's name. Here he lived until 1772 when he moved thirty some miles west along the Blue Mountains to West Pennsborough (now Frankford) Township, Cumberland County.

The period from 1755 to 1763 saw

bloody Indian Wars with a brief respite about 1762. Paxton was the frontier. The Indians made attacks on some of William Bell's neighbors. A son of Thomas Bell (probably no relation) was killed by Indians November 25, 1757. Fort Hunter on the Susquehanna above Harrisburg was an outpost. The part the Bells played is not known, although John and George may have served in the militia. The fact that George Bell was made a captain against the Indians in 1777 may have been because of previous experience.

Some of the Bells no doubt belonged to the famous "Paxton Boys". Whether they participated in the December, 1763, raid to Conestoga is not known. At any rate the Indian Wars were perilous times. Even on the Sabbath men stood guard during divine services. Rev. John Elder was a real leader in Paxton through these difficult days.

The end of the Indian Wars that came in 1764 was welcome and for a decade Paxton developed in peace. The outbreak of the Revolution in 1775 saw immediate support by the Scotch-Irish frontiersmen, for they were traditional foes of the English.

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Chapter IV

A STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

*"We are the troop that ne'er will stoop
To wretched slavery,--
Huzza! brave boys, we'll beat them
On any hostile plain;
For freedom, wives, and children dear
The battle we'll maintain--
And all the world shall know,
Americans are free."*

--The Pennsylvania Song (1775)

When the Massachusetts farmers in April, 1775, fired the "shot heard round the world," William Bell, Sr. was living in Paxton Township, Lancaster County (now Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County), Pennsylvania. His four younger sons at home, William, Thomas, Arthur, Andrew, ranged in age from 32 to 20. His two oldest sons were married. John Bell, 43, had been living in Cumberland County for three years. His oldest son, Robert, was 12. George Bell, 41, had been living on the frontier in what is now Mifflin County for ten years. His oldest son, John, was 18. All six sons of William, Sr. and the two above-mentioned grandsons served in the Revolution. William Bell, Sr. was above 53 and therefore not eligible for service, but he supplied the army with two bushels of wheat and 24 bushels of forage in 1778.

At first the war was fought against the British along the Eastern seaboard, but in the summer of 1777 the Indians began to attack from the west. Arthur Bell in his pension application (S20738) tells of experiences against both British and Indians.

"On this 14th. day of October, 1832, personally appeared before me, Thomas B. Campbell, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Chautauqua, Arthur Bell a resident of Westfield in said County of Chautauqua and State of New York, aged seventy-nine years the 11th day of last January N.S. who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

"That he entered the service of the United States under the following named

officers, and served as herein stated. He volunteered in the month of June, 1776, in Paxton Township, Lancaster County in a Company of riflemen, under the command of Captain John Reed, in the Town of Paxton, Lancaster County and State of Pennsylvania. They with other volunteer companies of the same kind met in the Town of Lancaster County and state aforesaid and there formed a regiment of riflemen, which was commanded by Col. Cunningham, Lieut. Col. Hase, Major Edwards and his captain's name was John Reed, 1st. Lieut. Killchrist, 2nd. Lieut. James Colyer, 3rd. Lieut. John Cochran. That he was appointed 4 sergent in said Reed's Company. That he with his regiment was marched from Lancaster by the way of Philadelphia and Trenton to Amboy in the state of New Jersey. That there he with his whole regiment enlisted to serve five months in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, but that he served six months before he obtained his discharge, and that he served not less than seven months from the time of his leaving home until he obtained his discharge. (This Company became the 'first Company in the first Regiment of the flying camp.' R. M. B.)

"That from Amboy with the consent of their regiment they were taken to the city of New York and there were attached to and embodied with Col. Hand's regiment of riflemen. From the city of New York they were taken on to Long Island. That he with his regiment was in the Battle of Long Island and were commanded by Lord Sterling. (An anecdote he relates thus, we were driven into our lines in great confusion when an officer on horseback in a light dress who had received a flesh wound under his chin;

and who by frequently wiping the wound with his arm; and the blood running down his breast; in front, had become literally covered with gore cried out boys where are you going, some replied they were going to hunt their companies. He replied this is no time to hunt your companies, fall into the lines and defend them, for I say if you go, you go with dishonor. We immediately fell into the lines and impatiently waited for the word fire; - for the enemy was marching down upon us in solid columns - we immediately opened upon them a tremendous fire; when the brave officer who did not dain to take cover under the works but all the time sat on his horse exposed to the fire of the enemy cried Whara the buggars are running). That they retreated to New York and from there he with his regiment was taken to a place called Delanceys Mills; there they lay until the Battle of Westchester which Battle he was in. From there they were taken to Eastchester where he was in another battle at East Chester. From there they were ordered to a place called Milesquare where they had a battle with the Hessians and drove them into their camp. The only battle which he was in that our arms were victorious. He was also at the white plains and on the day of the battle was out on a scout. That he seen and spoke to General Washington at Fort Lee on the day before the capture of Fort Washington asking him for a pass to go to Fort Washington to see his brother William Bell who was in the fort and made a prisoner the next day. That General Washington replied that he gave no passes of that kind. And that he must apply to the commanding officer of the place, but fortunately he got none and escaped being made a prisoner; as the fort was taken the next day. That he with his regiment was at Brunswick when the British came there that he was appointed with a guard to conduct a number of baggage wagons to Trenton where the army he was with followed. That he with his regiment was ordered to Philadelphia where they lay some time and then was discharged.

"That in the year 1778 he the aforesaid Arthur Bell volunteered to go against the Indians for two months and served in a rifle company under his brother Captain George Bell. They were marched from Jacks Valley about seventy miles northwest of Paxton to a place called Bald

Eagle to defend the inhabitants from the Indians and from there they were taken to Potters Fort and there discharged having served two months. That as he lived for several years in the aforesaid place called Jacks Valley it being then a frontier settlement and much exposed to the inroads of the savages. Was during the remainder of the war with the Indians frequently out against the Indians sometimes 2 or 3 days and sometimes a week but in consequence of the lapse of time and the loss of memory he cannot recollect the whole time but feels confident in saying that the different periods of his service (exclusive of the two different periods of service before and above stated) that he was not less than one month.

"He recollects of seeing Lord Sterling at Long Island. He remembers to have seen Genl. Sullivan at New York. He has no documentary evidence or living witnesses to prove his services. He resided in Barree Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. after the Revolutionary War, until the year 1802 when he moved to the place where he now resides (Westfield) he thinks that he was nearly or quite a month in the service as a volunteer before he enlisted, and has no doubt but his whole services would amount to nine months or more. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(signed) ARTHUR BELL"

"A statement showing my services as a serg. and soldier during the Revolutionary War-- Period when the service was rendered: 1776; Duration of the claimant's service: 7 mos.; Rank of the claimant: 4 serg.; 1778, 2 mos., a common soldier; 1781 and 2, 1 mo., a common soldier. Names and rank of the company officers under whom I served: Capt. John Reed, 1 Lieut. Killchrist, 2 Lieut. James Colyer, 3 Lieut. John Cochran. Names and rank of the General and Field Officers: Lord Sterling at Long Island, Gen. Lee, Col. or Gen. Hand, Col. Cunningham, Lieut. Col. Hase, Major Edwards. Battles in which applicant was engaged: Long Island, Westchester, Eastchester, Milesquare, besides several skirmishes. Country through which I marched: from Lancaster to Amboy, from there to New York, at Long Island, southern part of the state, New Jersey to

Philadelphia. Place of steade when I entered the service and age of the present period: Lancaster County Pennsylvania - Age 80 years".

Interrogations propounded to the claimant Arthur Bell

- 1--he answers that he was born in the Town of Paxton Lancaster County Pa. on the 11th day of January 1753 New Style.
- 2--he answers that he has no record of his age here but there was a record left with his brother John Bell who died in Washington County Pa. and does not know what has become of it.
- 3--he answers that he lived in Paxton the same place where he was born when he entered the service. He has since lived in Jacks Valley Pa., Barree Huntingdon Co. Pa. and now resides in Westfield N. Y.
- 4--he answers that he volunteered afterwards enlisted, never was a substitute.
- 5--he answers that he saw Gen. Washington at Fort Lee and other places. He recollects seeing Lord Sterling at Long Island, remembers seeing Gen. Lee. Cannot recollect the names of many of the other officers. And no further particulars than stated.
- 6--he answers that he received a regular discharge at Philadelphia, that it is now lost and has been a long time.
- 7--he answers that he is acquainted in the neighborhood where he now resides with James Montgomery, James McMahan, David Eason, Thomas McClintock, Thomas Prentergast who can certify as to his character."

Arthur Bell made two affidavits, October 14, 1832, and June 12, 1833. Parts of both are included in the above. In his application he named 1777 and 1779 as the dates of his New York and Bald Eagle campaigns. He was in error and the correct dates are substituted above. Arthur Bell was listed in the militia on some other occasions. In 1781 and 1782 he served in the Mifflin County militia. In December 1778 and 1779 Arthur Bell was a private under Capt. Stewart of Paxton. There is record then of his active service 1776, 1778, 1779, 1781, 1782.

Arthur Bell told of serving under his brother, Captain George Bell. The record of George's service is fairly complete. At the outbreak of the Revolution George

Bell was living in a cabin in a small clearing in Jacks Valley-- "a frontier settlement -- much exposed to the inroads of the savages." The cabin was near Jacks Mountain and was located by a big spring along a small branch of Jacks Creek. The Penn Twp., Northumberland Co., - Derry Twp., Cumberland Co. line ran through George Bell's land (now Decatur Twp., Mifflin Co.). He with his wife and family had been living on the frontier for ten years. On the frontier the war was fought with the Indians, so that the settlers had to be constantly on guard. Tradition tells of a scout riding up at 2 a.m. with the news of Indians in the section, warning the militia to march. On one or more occasions George Bell took his family to Paxton for safety.

Most of our information about George Bell is during 1778, the most crucial year on the Pennsylvania frontier. The list of men who comprised Company 8 of the Fifth Battalion of Cumberland County Associators July 31, 1777 shows George Bell as Captain. (Penna. Archives, Series 5, Volume 6, pgs. 322, 324, 330, 335.) The officers of the Fifth Battalion were Col. Arthur Buchanan, Lt. Col. Alexander Brown, Major Alexander McIlhattan.

Eighth Company: Captain GEORGE BELL, 1st Lt. James Young, 2nd Lt. Marshal Stanley, Ensign JOHN BELL. Privates (Nearly all were from Derry Twp., Cumberland Co.):

Robert Martin	Moses Thompson
Thomas Wade	Emanuel Gonslow
James Connely	Joseph Millegan
Robert Anderson	William Huston
Benjamin Hall	Patrick Nugent
Alexander Blair	Peter Allen
John Millegan	John Frampton
James McDowell	John Robertson
James Corbit	Robert McClellan
Andrew Small	William Kelly
John Brown	Caleb Parshal
John Alford	George Shining
John Crily	John Wood
David Barr	David Gordon
Robert Lindsay	Francis Clark
Hugh Magill	Samuel Grier
John Campbell	Joseph Westbrook
Robert Chambers	James Johnston
Matthew Kelly	James Adams
Charles McCaven	Samuel Grier
Thomas Briggs	James Carithers
William Thompson	Henry Montooth
Adam Willson	Simon Vaughn

Hugh Beard

Alexander Mahaun

Alexander Robertson

One of the men (David Barr) (\$6564) who received a pension in later years, told of enlisting in April, 1778, and said that he "served two months in Capt. George Bell's Company, Col. Buchanan's Penna. Regiment, marched up Penns Valley and was in skirmish with the Indians." William Blair (\$21647) told of serving under Captain Bell at Bald Eagle in 1778; Joseph Millegan (\$16483), another pensioner, spoke of serving in Penns Valley in 1778 under Capt. George Bell.

Another member (James McDowell) (\$47832) of George Bell's company in applying for a pension said that he "enlisted in May, 1778, served two months in Capt. George Bell's Company and marched against the Indians." Arthur Bell, a brother of George, stated in his pension application (\$20738) that he "volunteered to go against the Indians for two months and served under his brother, Capt. George Bell--(he) marched from Jacks Valley to a place called Bald Eagle to defend the inhabitants from the Indians and from there they were taken to Potters Fort and there discharged having served two months." On May 14, 1778 George Bell, captain of Company 8 had three other officers and 49 privates in his company, all from what is now Mifflin County. His ensign was John Bell, his oldest son. One of the privates was Simon Vaugh. The lieutenant for all of Cumberland County in 1778 was John Carothers, and the sub-lieutenant was George Stewart. The militia was composed of all the able-bodied men, who were divided into different companies. The companies took turns in performing their service and in staying at home to protect their families and gather the crops. Equipment used included the musket, bayonet, canteen, belt, rifle, gun, cartouch box, scabbard, and shot pouch.

The Colonial Records and Penna. Archives give a rather detailed account of the critical April-June, 1778 period, which was climaxed by the Wyoming massacre. On April 24 Lt. Carothers (Carlisle) wrote to President Wharton of the Supreme Executive Council of Penna. that he had sent the marching classes of the Fifth Battalion to Sinking Valley and Bald Eagle, but still more help was needed. Three days later he wrote asking for muskets or rifles. George

Bell's company was among those sent to Bald Eagle. On Saturday May 9 Arthur Buchanan wrote from "Old Town, Juniata" (Lewistown) to George Stewart: (original letter in Archives at Harrisburg, R. P. XXI, 19) "I this moment received by Robert Moor (Moore) Express a Letter from Capn. Bell stationed at Bald Eagle which informs me that Simon Vaugh one of his Company was killed on the 8th instant, at the house of Jones (Jonas) Davis, upon Bald Eagle Creek." (Penna. Archives, Series 1, Vol. 6, pg. 485.) Buchanan also told that Moore on his way to Old Town found the bodies of a family named Stanford at their cabin in Penns Valley. The Indians had killed them the day before. Buchanan asked Stewart for ammunition and arms.

This is verified from an independent source in the pension record of Frederick Baum (\$6561). He stated that he "marched from Old Town to Potters Fort in Penns Valley, that they were taken to that place in consequence of the Indians having killed a man by the name of Simon Vaugh on the Bald Eagle Creek, about two miles from what is called the 'Bald Eagle Nest' (now Milesburg) where he was stationed under Captain George Bell--on the day subsequent to the murder of Vaugh they killed Jacob Stanford and his wife and took their son and daughter prisoners--the family lived about four miles from Potters Fort."

There is a fairly complete traditional account of the events surrounding these murders (Linn). When the alarm of Indians was broadcast, Robert Boggs, a boy of 18, went over the mountain for aid. He was away three days. His mother, widow of Andrew Boggs, became uneasy and went with the other children to Muncy Mountain until he returned. He came with militia which was divided among the settlers. Some went to the Boggs house and some to the house of Jonas Davis. George Bell was the Captain. The Indians went to the Davis house and one opened the door and boldly stepped in. One of the militia (Vaugh) sprang to the door and was shot by the Indian. He was buried nearby the next day. Davis lived on the south side of the creek east of Richard Malone's old place. Moore on his way from the Great Island was given the letter to Buchanan. Enroute to Old Town he stopped at Stanford's (three miles west of Old Fort) and found the family

slain. Later part way up the mountain a dead Indian was found, and it was learned that on their way to attack the Kishacoquillas Valley, a gun had been discharged accidentally killing an Indian. This was a bad omen, so the Indians turned back.

On May 11 Arthur Buchanan writing from Kishacoquillas (Valley) told Lt. Carothers that he had received a Penns Valley express by Major Miles telling that the Indians had murdered Stanford and family Friday. He asked for arms. The next day Carothers wrote from Carlisle to President Wharton that Stewart had just arrived telling of these troubles and that they needed rifles badly. Thursday Lt. Samuel Hunter wrote from Fort Augusta (Sunbury) to Wharton telling that on Monday, 11th he had received two expresses, one from Bald Eagle Settlement, saying that the Indians had killed one man there the 8th; the other from Penns Valley regarding the Stanford family. He asked for food and arms. The minutes of the council (which met at Lancaster) for May 16 tell of receiving the letter from Carothers saying that several persons had been killed lately by the Indians. The council wrote to the Board of War at York concerning these letters from Cumberland County about murders at Bald Eagle and Penns Valley, and said that arms were needed.

On May 17 Col. James Potter wrote two letters from Upper Fort, Penns Valley (now called Old Fort). (Penna. Archives, Series 1, Vol. 6, p. 517.) One was carried to Major General Armstrong at Carlisle by Major Miles and told of additional murders to the north, and the need for men. The other went to Stewart at Tuscarora saying, "The Bearer Major Miles goes to you to apply for men to relieve Capt. Bell." It told how the interior would suffer if the frontier fell. On the 21st the council wrote Carothers that in response to his request of the 12th the Board of War was sending 48 rifles by wagon, 12 of which were for Cumberland County. Some flints were sent later.

May 26 Lt. Hunter wrote from Sunbury to the Council that on the 16th near the mouth of Bald Eagle Creek, three men putting in a spring crop were killed. Carothers two days later wrote from East Pennsborough that the Indians were continuing their savage cruelty upon the frontier.

The bearer, Col. Buchanan, would tell of the need for arms. At the council meeting June 3 at Lancaster Buchanan was present and told how badly rifles were needed for defense. As a result 50 were given to him.

That conditions were serious at this time is revealed in a letter of May 31 to a member of the council from Lt. Hunter, who said that all of Bald Eagle and Penns Valley were gathered together at one place in Potter's Twp. By June 17 conditions were no better, for Arthur Buchanan writing to Stewart from Kishacoquillas said that a letter from Potter told of more killings in Nittany Valley and the fresh tracks of thirty Indians in Logan's Gap. On June 9 the Council ordered £600 sent to the Cumberland County Paymaster for the militia. On June 20 they applied to the Board of War for 500 pounds of powder and 1200 pounds of lead and 100 rifles for Carothers. On June 23 Armstrong wrote from Carlisle to the council that there was still trouble with the Indians. Five days later Carothers told council that they still needed men and arms. In reply 200 muskets were sent. Carothers also said that parts of the Fourth and Seventh Battalions had been sent to Kishacoquillas and Standing Stone. By this time evidently George Bell was back at his home. Conditions had much improved by July 25 in Penns Valley for the inhabitants had returned and were cutting grain.

In May 1782 the Indians crossed Jacks Mountain into Jacks Valley and captured George Sigler, Jr., the twenty year old son of one of the Bell neighbors. Troops were stationed in the valley until autumn, but that was the last appearance of the Indians. Sometime before 1780 George Bell took his family to Paxton. During the period following 1780 Arthur Bell and Thomas Bell and George's son John lived on the George Bell farm. George Bell returned to Jacks Valley in 1786.

Although George Bell probably did not serve in the Flying Camp, his name appears on the Flying Camp roll of Capt. Reed of Paxton in 1776; and as a private in the Dauphin County militia 1781-82 under Capt. Stewart. The stand that George Bell and his neighbors took against the Indians was just as important as that taken by the Continental Line against the British.

John Bell was an ensign under his

father, George, 1777-78; in 1780-82 a lieutenant in the Mifflin County militia under Capt. Means. George's brother, John, lived in Cumberland County during the Revolution. This John Bell and his son, Robert, were privates in Capt. McFarlane's Cumberland County militia in 1780 and 1781.

William Bell, Jr. was a captain in Dauphin County in 1776. He was captured by the British at Fort Washington according to his brother Arthur's account. In 1781-82 he was listed in Capt. Stewart's company. Thomas Bell was a private in Mifflin County 1780-82 under Capt. Means and Lt. John Bell. He and his brother, Arthur, went from Paxton to Jacks Valley before 1780.

Andrew Bell in 1776 was a private under Capt. William Bell. A little later in the year he was a private in Capt. Reed's company of the Flying Camp. In 1778 and 1779 he served under Capt. Stewart. Both years he was on tours to Northumberland County. In 1781-82 he was also under Capt. Stewart.

The Revolution ended September 3, 1783 with the signing of the treaty with Great Britain. The death of William Bell, Sr. at his Paxton home occurred October 29, while the American army was being demobilized.

A summary of the services of the sons and grandsons of William Bell, Sr. is given:

		1776	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82
John	Pvt.					C1	C1	
Robert	Pvt.					C1	C1	
George	Capt.	L5	M2	M2			L3	L3
John	Lt.		M2	M2		M4	M4	M4
William	Capt.	L5					L3	L3
Thomas	Pvt.					M4	M4	M4
Arthur	Sgt.	L5		M2L6	L6		M4	M4
Andrew	Pvt.	L5		L6	L6		L3	L3

L Served in Lancaster County militia from what is now Dauphin County

C Served in Cumberland County militia

M Served in Cumberland County militia from what is now Mifflin County

The numbers mean that the men having the same number are listed in the same company or battalion.

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Chapter V

WESTWARD HO

*"We cross the (mountains) as of old
The pilgrims crossed the sea,
To make the West, as they the East
The homestead of the free."*

—The Kansas Emigrants,
John Greenleaf Whittier

The year 1783, which brought the close of the Revolution, started a westward migration from the settled regions of the east over the Alleghenies and down the Ohio River to Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. To the Bell family 1783 meant the breakup of the old Bell home in Paxton. William Bell, Sr. died on October 29, 1783, according to his son Andrew's power of attorney on file at Harrisburg (Dauphin County court records). In part it reads:

"Andrew Bell of Paxton son of William Bell of Paxton Township and Lancaster County Deceased the 29th of October seventeen hundred and eighty-three."

Evidently this power was given by Andrew to his brothers when he was leaving for "the West."

At the time of the death of William, Sr. all his sons were living at Paxton except John. George was at Paxton temporarily because of Indian attacks in Jacks Valley. Eleven children are mentioned in the will of William Bell, Sr. which was proved on November 22, 1783, and is recorded at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in Will Book D, Volume 1, Page 391:

"In the name of God Amen. I William Bell of Paxton Township Lancaster County Considering the uncertainty of this Mortal Life and being of Sound and perfect mind and Memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in Manner and form following (that is to say) first I order that all my Just debts and funeral Charges be paid and discharged out of the whole of my Estate. ITEM I give and bequeath to my Sons that is to say, John, George, William, Thomas, Arthur and Andrew Bell all my real and personal Estate to be equally

divided betwixt them Except that I order my above named Sons to pay my daughter Jean three pounds in hard money and three pounds to my daughter Sarah in hard money and twenty pounds to my daughter Mary and I do order my Sons to pay to my daughter Darcus one hard dollar and I order my above named Sons to give to my daughter Margaret twenty Pounds hard money and one bed and bed Cloths or five pounds hard money in lieu thereof and one horse worth fifteen pounds hard money further I allow my Son William ten pounds above his equal share it is my will and I order it so that which said Several Legacies or sums of Money I will and order shall be paid to the Said Respective Legatees their heirs and assigns forever to be paid within two years after my decease. ITEM I Constitute and appoint my Sons John, George, and William Bell to be my only and sole Executors of this my last Will and testament to dispose of my Estate in the manner and form within Written and Mentioned and I do hereby utterly revoke all former Wills by me made in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal the eighteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty 1780.

his

William O Bell (SEAL)
mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named William Bell to be his last Will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator. John Forster John Matthews Thomas Forster"

The inventory of the William Bell estate was filed the same day: "Inventory of the personal Estate of William Bell late of Paxton Township Lancaster County Deceased Viz:

1 Horse, Saddle and Bridle	L12 0 0
Wearing Apparel	3 0 0
3 Pewter dishes and 10 Plates	1 0 0
2 Pots and 2 prs. pott hooks	1 0 0
2 prs. pott racks	8 4
1 pr. fire tongs	5 0
2 Chairs	2 6
1 Iron Heckle	2 6
2 Bead Steads	8 4
1 Corner Cupboard	2 6
1 Walnut Chest	2 6
1 Walnut Table	5 0
1 bay Colt	3 0 0
1 black Cow	2 10 0
1 black Heifer	1 10 0
1 red Heifer	15 0
1 Iron harrow	10 0
3 Sider vessels	15 0
	<u>L 27 16 8</u>

that the above Inventory is appraised according to the best of our skill and understanding being legally chosen as Appraisers given under our hands this 1st day of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty Three 1783

John Fforster

Tho Forster

Exhibited into the Registers Office at Lancaster the 22d day of November, 1783

John Bell

George Bell

Wm. Bell

} exrs

same day and year

the appraisers Sworn

and the Executors Sworn

James Jack Regr"

The will is the only source of information as to the daughters of William Bell. Nothing definite is known about any of them. They were bequeathed: Jean £ 3, Sarah £ 3, Mary £ 20, Dorcas \$1, Margaret £ 20 (plus bed and horse). Since the sons are named in order of age, it may be assumed the daughters are, too. From the sums bequeathed Mary and Margaret were possibly not married. Or Mary may have been the Mary Bell who on April 23, 1761, married a John Bell in Paxton. Dorcas probably married James Richardson November 8, 1769. Sarah Bell may have been the Sarah who married another John Bell August 4, 1755. Jean (Jane) may have married a Campbell.

When the will was written in 1780, William Bell was not able to sign his name. That he could write is evident from his appointment as tax collector in 1750. The

three oldest sons were the executors. William, Jr. was probably farming the old homestead in 1783. Therefore the inventory shows only the few possessions of William Bell, Sr. His wife was dead in 1780. The date of her death is not known.

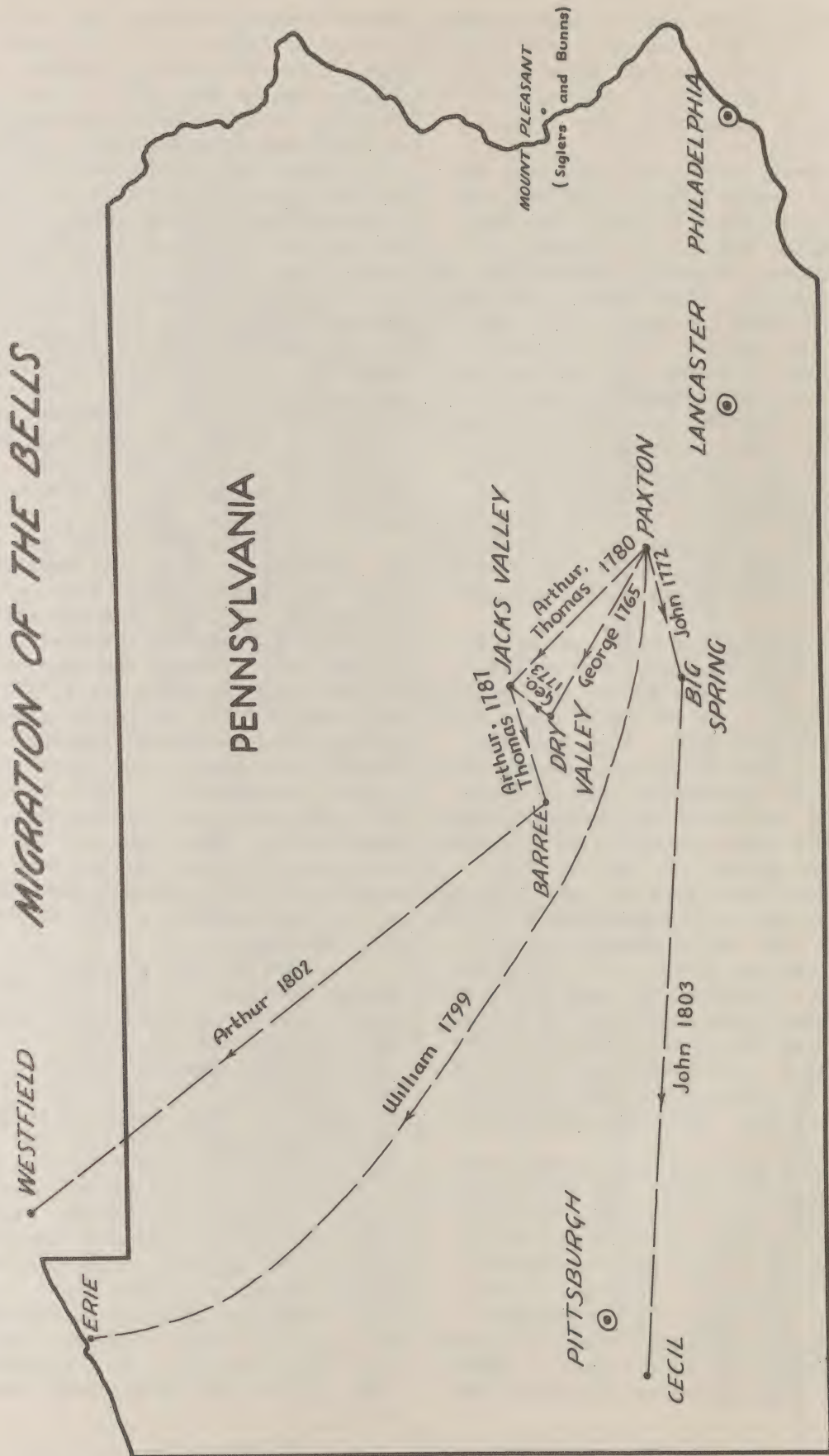
The final breakup at Paxton occurred in 1786 when the six sons sold the old farm (203 acres) to Josiah Espey for £ 1200. The deed is recorded in Dauphin County, Book A A 13, Page 486. It was acknowledged February 1, 1786, by John Bell, George Bell, Mary Bell (her mark), William Bell, Dorcas Bell; and on April 13, 1786, by Elizabeth Bell, Arthur Bell, Eleanor Bell (her mark), Thomas Bell. All are listed as "late of Paxton." John and George Bell signed for Andrew Bell April 13, using his 1784 power of attorney. The deed lists John and Elizabeth, George and Mary, William and Dorcas, Arthur and Eleanor, Thomas, Andrew. This deed is very important in proving the connections of the various Bell branches, for the wives' names are mentioned. Before the end of the century all the sons had migrated westward.

The first son to leave the old farm was George who settled in what is now Mifflin County about 1765. If he made earlier attempts to settle there, he was driven away by Indian Wars. The first tax lists for what is now Mifflin County are dated 1767 (Fermanagh Township, Cumberland County). George Bell had in that year: 100 acres, 5 cleared, 3 horses, 2 cows. Derry Township was formed in 1767 from part of Fermanagh. Derry included all of what is now Mifflin County. George Bell is listed as follows in Derry: (number of acres cleared given in parenthesis)

1768	100 (5) acres, 2 horses, 2 cows
1769	100 (6) acres, 1 horse, 1 cow
1770	100 (10) acres, 1 horse, 1 cow
1771	name not listed
1772	no land, 2 horses, 2 cows

In 1768 George Bell and Thomas Holt were named Road Supervisors for Derry Township. In 1769 George Bell and John Carmichael were Overseers of the Poor. This indicates that George Bell was one of the leading pioneers of the section.

The land on which George Bell probably lived, 1765-1772, was surveyed (312.4 acres) on July 3, 1768 in the name of his brother, Arthur Bell. The application for the land had been made March 30, 1768, by



Arthur Forster in the name of Arthur Bell. On the northwest and southeast were vacant hills; on the northeast John Mitchell (order of survey 1766) and on the southwest Arthur Forster (originally from Paxton) (warrant 1755).

Several facts about this land are mysterious. Arthur Bell in 1768 was only 15 and did not intend living on the land. The application was made by Forster, a Paxton neighbor. Evidently George Bell had been living on it. When Forster sold his tract of 244 acres (warranted 1755, surveyed 1766) on June 15, 1770, to Henry Dyermond, also of Paxton, he said the land was bounded on the northeast by that of George Bell. Dyermond had originally owned the John Bell tract in Paxton, north of William Bell, Sr. On April 14, 1774 "Arthur Bell of Paxton" (then 21) sold his land to Arthur Forster. Forster sold it on June 12, 1775, to Matthew and George Kelley who got a warrant of acceptance October 25, 1776. Was Forster simply a land speculator?

The location of this land was in Dry Valley, Derry Township (now Mifflin County) (see map). The Kelleys sold it to Henry Burkholder. It was later known as the Peter Albright farm. This land was evidently not what George Bell wanted, for on May 6, 1773 he improved land in Jacks Valley, then Penn Township, Northumberland County, now Decatur Township, Mifflin County. When George Bell on June 10, 1814 (Mifflin County Deed Book II, page 19) sold part of his land to William Stumpff he said that it was land "which George Bell improved the 6th day of May A. D. 1773 with an intention of holding the same by improvement and actual settlement and has yearly from that time and at all necessary times since his said first improvement until this time used and occupied the same by actual settlement without hindrance, molestation or forbiddance."

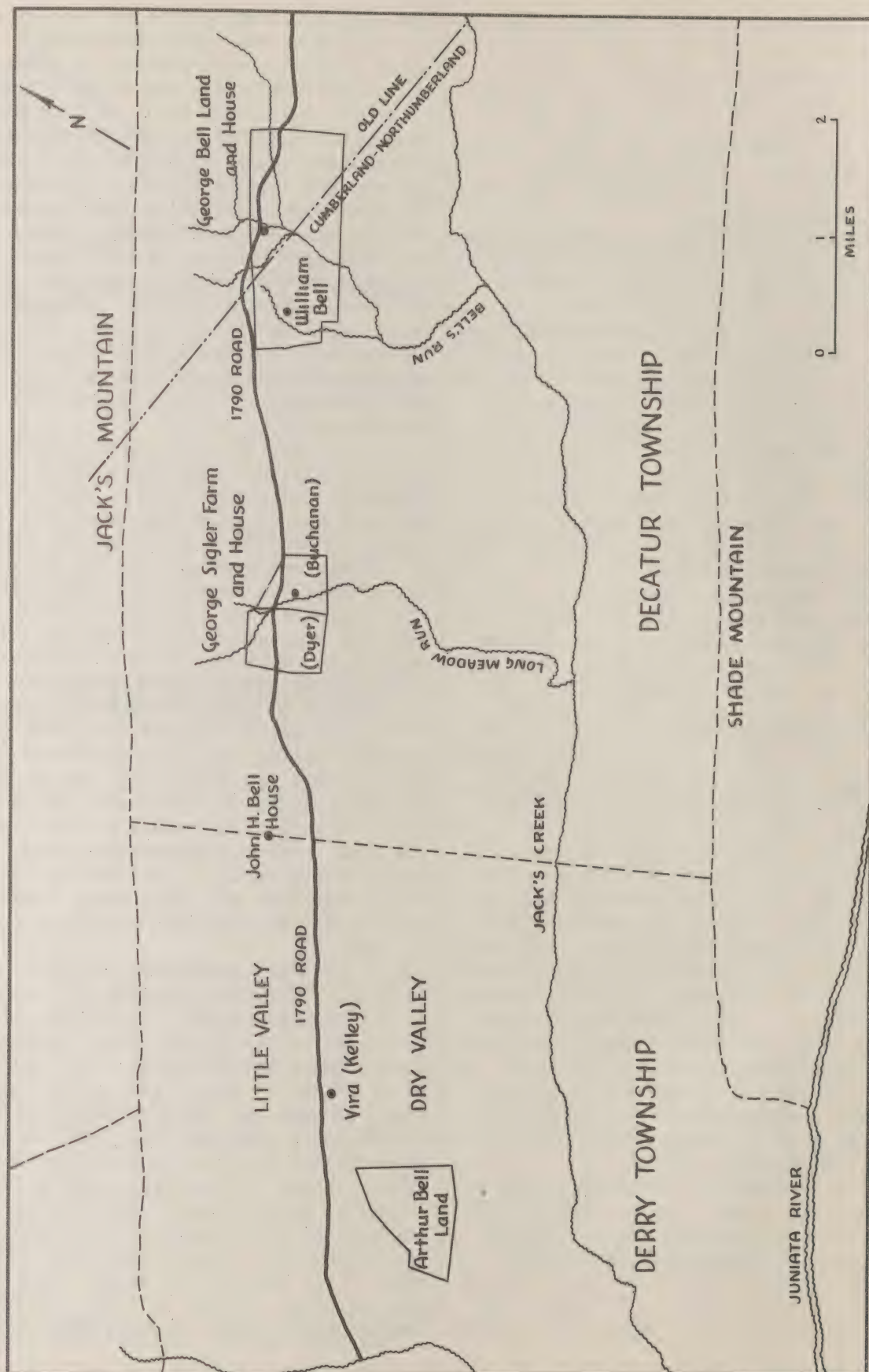
George Bell was not listed on the Derry assessments in 1771. He was evidently looking for other land. For 1771 only, George Bell and James McClenahen were inmates (renters) in West Hanover Township (just east of Paxton). This may be our George Bell, for later the McClenahens lived in Decatur Township. Three of George Bell's children married children of James McClenahen. McClenahen had migrated from

County Donegal, Ireland, in 1762 and had settled at Paxton. In 1772 George Bell was back in Derry Township, probably on the land of Arthur Bell. In 1773 he settled in Jacks Valley at a big spring at the head of a branch of Jacks Creek. Tradition says this choice was made because of "better hunting grounds." In 1774 the Arthur Bell tract was sold. George Bell lived in Jacks Valley until his death in 1816, except for a few years at Paxton. When Indian attacks in 1778 made life dangerous in Jacks Valley George Bell took his family to Paxton. He did not return permanently until about 1786, after the sale of his father's farm. He was taxed in Paxton 1780, 1782, and 1785. While George Bell was at Paxton his brothers, Arthur and Thomas, and his son, John, lived on the land for various periods. A further account of George Bell in Decatur will be given in the next chapter.

John Bell, the oldest son of William, Sr., of Paxton, about 1762 married Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of Robert Boyd, of Paxton. On May 16, 1763, the land adjoining William Bell on the north was surveyed in the name of John Bell. John's name appeared on Paxton Township tax lists until 1772. Beginning with 1773 he was taxed in West Pennsylvania (now Frankford) Township, Cumberland County, near what is now Newville, Pennsylvania. On January 17, 1785, he applied for 228 acres, which he said had been improved about fifteen years before. The warrant was issued February 18; the land surveyed March 3; a patent granted April 29. John and his son, Robert, served in the Revolution (see page 20).

John Bell was an elder in the Big Spring (Newville) Presbyterian Church. He signed a call and subscription paper for a new minister March 21, 1786. A 1787 list of Big Spring communicants gives in "John Bell's District" the names of his wife and children with ages (Swope: History of the Big Spring Church). In the 1790 census under John Bell are listed 5 males over 16, 2 males under 16, 4 females. The marriage records of four sons, Robert, William, Joseph, and John are given in the Big Spring records. A daughter, Catherine, was married at Carlisle in 1800.

The call of the west affected John Bell and his family. Robert, the oldest son, signed the call for a new minister in 1786; and married Rachel Espy (daughter of



Thomas Espy) May 29, 1788. Their oldest son John was born July 31, 1789. In the 1790 census Robert was living in Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania with 1 male over 16, 1 male under 16, 1 female. He probably took his bride to his new western home. On May 4, 1793, he bought a farm in Peters Township. Here he died October 17, 1849.

The western migration affected the rest of the family for on April 7, 1793, John Bell, the father, bought a farm in Cecil Township, Washington County. On April 5, 1803, he sold his Cumberland County farm and with his family moved to Cecil Township. None of the John Bell family remained in Cumberland County, just as none of the William Bell, Sr. family had remained in Paxton. The will of John Bell was written March 13, 1809. He died the next year. His children were: Robert, William, Jane (married John Ralston), Joseph, George, John, Thomas, Catherine (married John McCune), Andrew.

Of the sons of William Bell, Sr., George Bell had gone up the Juniata in 1765 and John had gone across the Susquehanna in 1772. Arthur and Thomas went to Jacks Valley temporarily about 1780. Andrew left Paxton in 1784. William, Jr. went to Erie about 1799.

Arthur Bell's Revolutionary experiences were given in the previous chapter. His land in Derry Township was discussed above. He first went to Jacks Valley in 1778 when he served under his brother, George, in the militia. In 1781 and 1782 he served in the militia from the Mifflin County section. He was assessed in Derry Township, then Cumberland County, 1785 and 1786. About 1784 he married Eleanor Montgomery, age 16, a daughter of John Montgomery, of Paxton. Arthur probably lived on the land of his brother, George. The Northumberland-Cumberland County line ran through the land of George Bell. On the Cumberland County side lived Arthur 1785-1786; John (son of George) 1787-1794; William (son of George) 1792 on.

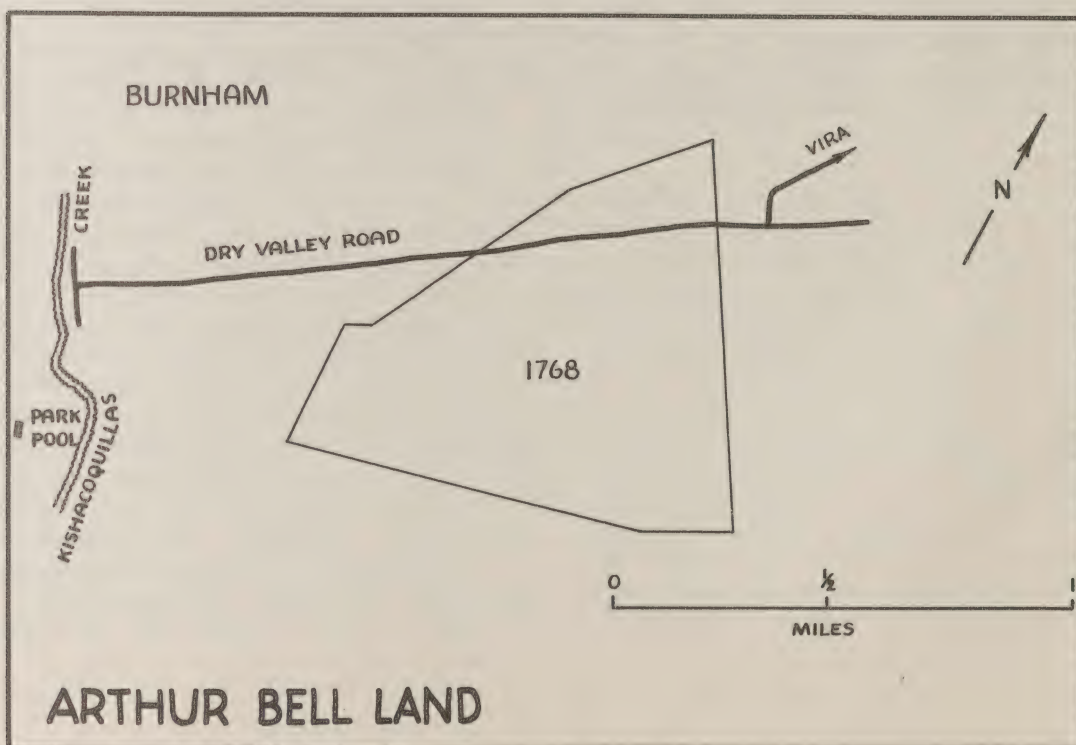
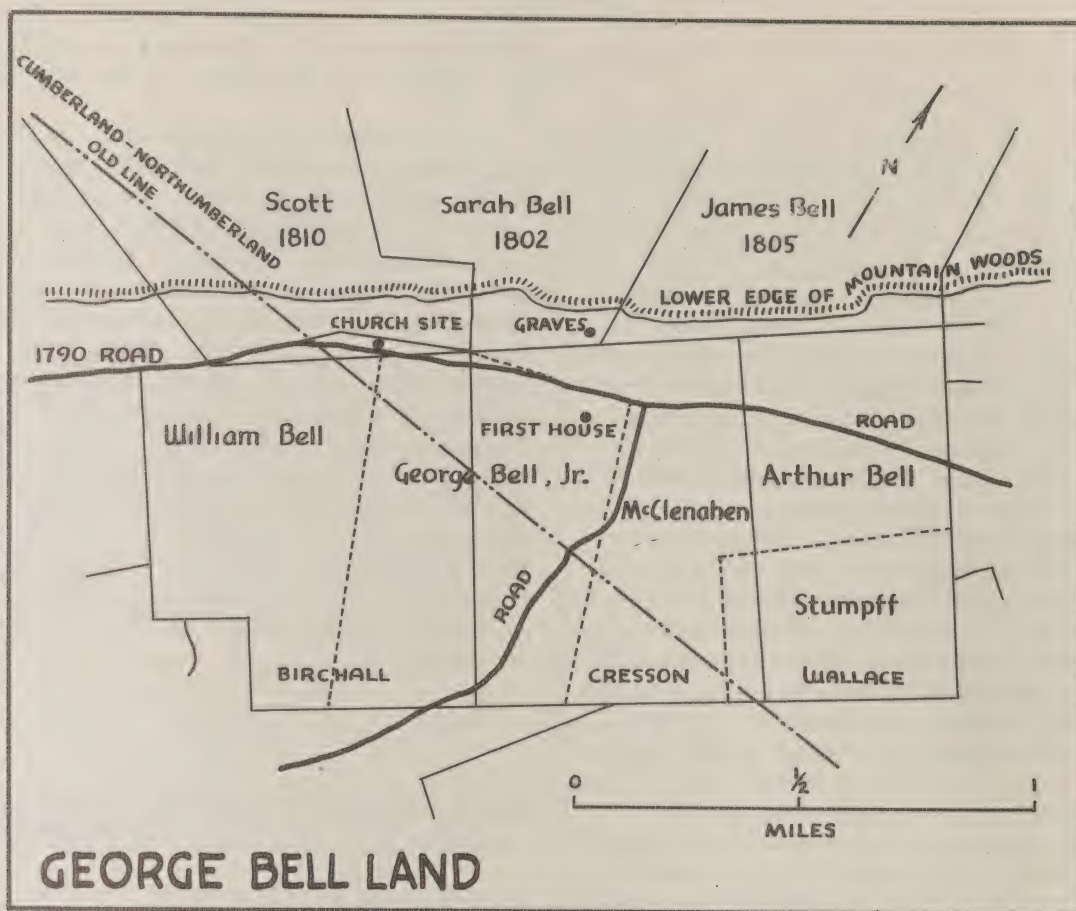
An interesting sidelight on how these pioneers lived is given by a curious document in the Cumberland County records (Deed Book F 1, page 131): "Cumberland County Ss. Before Me William Lyon one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for said County appeared Christopher Martin

and John Roll both of Derry Township Free-men and being Duly sworn according to Law saith that they were present at a Raising at Richard Arthur's House in said Township of Derry when Arthur Bell and John Stroup Quarrelled and that the said Arthur Bell had a piece of his Ear taken off in the said Quarrel and that said Stroup acknowledged the same night or Evening that he had pulled off the same Arthur Bell a piece of his Ear, and they the said Deponts. saith that the said Quarrel happened sometime in last Fall and further saith not. (Signed) Christopher Martin John Roll. Sworn and Subscribed the 24th Day of January 1782 before me, William Lyon. Recorded this 24th day of January 1782 and Compared William Lyon Recorder."

On July 19, 1787, Arthur Bell warranted 112 acres on Shaver's Creek, Barree Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. The land was surveyed September 10. He was listed on the tax lists of Barree 1788-1802. In 1788 he was a private in the Barree militia; 1791-1793 he was a captain. In the 1790 census Arthur Bell has listed 2 males over 16, none under 16, 3 females. His only child, William, was born October 14, 1791 "in Northumberland County," probably at the home of Arthur's brother, George.

But Arthur who had gone from Paxton to Jacks Valley, and then to Barree (Stone Valley), was not satisfied. May 6, 1802 he secured a patent for his land; two weeks later he sold it and moved to Westfield, New York (near his brother, William, of Erie, Pennsylvania). Here he was one of the founders of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. He died near Westfield August 6, 1834.

The life of Thomas Bell, son of William, Sr. of Paxton, closely followed that of his brother, Arthur. From 1780 to 1782 he served in the militia under Captain Robert Means and Lieutenant John Bell (nephew of Thomas). Arthur was in the same company. Thomas was not married in 1786 when his father's farm was sold. He migrated to Stone Valley with his brother, Arthur in 1787. Thomas Bell was assessed in Barree 1788-1799 as a freeman; 1800-1814 as a carpenter. He was a member of the Barree militia 1788-1791. He married about 1800; the name of his wife is not known. His children were probably George, William, and Sarah (married William Morrison). His name



disappeared from the tax lists after 1814. This is probably the date of his death, although there is no proof.

The fifth son to leave Paxton was Andrew who left probably in 1784 after making the power of attorney. There is no definite record of him after that date. He may be the Andrew who in June, 1789, married Elizabeth---- at Carlisle; in the 1790 census in Washington County, Pennsylvania, had 2 males over 16, none under 16, 1 female; and died in Washington County May 20, 1822. The widow moved to Augusta Township, Carroll County, Ohio and later applied for a pension (R719). If these Andrews are the same, it may be that Andrew's migration to Washington County about 1785 led to the migration of his brother, John.

William Bell, Jr. was the last to leave Paxton. He was assessed as a free-man in Paxton 1770, 1772. His military record has already been given. About 1783 he married Dorcas Forster, age 19, a daughter of John Forster, of Paxton. In the 1790 census William is listed in Dauphin County; 1 male over 16, 2 under 16, 3 females. About 1799 he migrated to the new lands then opening in northwestern Pennsylvania and settled at Erie, Pennsylvania. From 1800 to 1813 William Bell was associate judge of Erie County. He died at Erie December 11, 1813. His wife helped to make Commodore Perry's flag in July 1813. William Bell had eight daughters and two sons: Catherine (McDonald), Lucinda (Baird), Jane (Hays), John, Nancy, Elizabeth (Tewksbury),

Sarah (Heron), Juliet (Forster), William, Maria (Rockwell). The sons of William Bell, Sr. married at the ages of 30, 23, 40, 52, 31, 34.

A nephew of George Bell (son of William, Sr.), Hercules Campbell, settled in Jacks Valley about 1782. He served in the militia, warranted land 1786, was listed in the Derry tax records. In his will, probated 1793, he mentioned his "uncle George Bell," his wife, Jane, and children, Matthew, Mary, Margaret, Jane, Robert, and Sarah. The name of Hercules Campbell's mother is not known. She may have been George's sister Jean (Jane). The migration of Arthur Bell to Barree Township (Stone Valley) probably influenced Arthur's nephew, John (son of George) for in 1795 John Bell settled in Barree -- a pioneer as his father, George, had been in Derry in 1765 -- as his grandfather, William, had been in Paxton in 1735.

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Chapter VI

LIFE IN DECATUR

*"Oh! for a seat on Appalachia's brow,
That I might scan the glorious prospect round,
Wild waning woods, and rolling floods below,
Smooth level glades and fields with grain embrown'd,
High heaving hills, with tufted forests crown'd,
Rearing their tall tops to the heaven's blue dome.."*

---To a Friend, Joseph Rodman Drake

When George Bell settled in 1773 in what is now Decatur Township, Mifflin County, it was a "frontier settlement." He was one of the first settlers in what was then called Jacks Valley. He located by a fine spring near a big spruce tree at the foot of Jacks Mountain on a tributary of Jacks Creek. With the true Scotch-Irish spirit he chose a remote spot, where game was plentiful. Most of the land was covered with trees. Deer, bears, squirrels, turkeys made this section "better hunting ground" than Dry Valley, where he had first located.

The oldest son, John, was about 16 when George Bell and his family settled in Jacks Valley. There were six or seven younger children. The site had been cleared and a log cabin erected. A fireplace was used for cooking and heating. Furnishings, such as benches, stools and tables were made by hand. Dishes were wooden and pewter. Kettles were used for cooking; candles for lighting. A spinning wheel was an important item. The women wore homespun dresses; the men hunting shirts and moccasins among other things.

The food supply was limited. Game and wild fruit were available at certain seasons. Hominy, johnny cake, mush, and cornpone were used. Indian corn was a staple item. Flint was used to start a fire. The rifle and axe were in constant use. Clearing of trees was a big task. A few acres were cleared as soon as possible and corn and wheat planted. The wheat was taken to the mill to be ground. A few provisions such as salt had to be brought from Northumberland or Paxton. The early pioneers were practically independent.

One method of travel to Paxton was by canoe down the Juniata River. Indian

paths were used before roads were laid out. The winter brought additional hardships. Travel was difficult; cabins were hard to heat; there was danger of attack by wolves.

When George Bell was living in Dry Valley he had ten acres cleared at the end of five years. Probably the same was true in Jacks Valley. Each settler had horses and cows. The horses were used in the farm work and for transportation. The cows provided needed milk and butter. Neighbors were few and far between. The nearest church was at Brown's (Reedsville), 15 miles away. There was little opportunity for schooling.

The land which George Bell had improved May 6, 1773, had been surveyed in 1767 and 1768. It consisted of three pieces, totalling 834 acres. (See map.)

(1) "Birmingham"; Order of Survey to John Birchall May 8, 1767; 331 acres surveyed September 21, 1767; Sold to William Wallace March 14, 1768; Sold to Cuthbert Landreth April 20, 1769; Sold to John Mease December 14, 1773; Warrant to accept granted to Mease September 6, 1782.

(2) "Cressy"; Order of survey to Jeremiah Cresson May 8, 1767; 297 acres surveyed September 21, 1767; Sold to William Wallace March 14, 1768; Sold to Cuthbert Landreth April 20, 1769; Sold to John Mease December 14, 1773; Warrant to accept granted to Mease September 6, 1782.

(3) "Walachia"; Order of survey to William Wallace January 19, 1768; 206 acres surveyed September 21, 1769; Sold to Cuthbert Landreth April 20, 1769; Sold to John Mease December 14, 1773; Warrant to accept granted to Mease September 6, 1782. George Bell may have owned at one time another tract of 302 acres, known as "Level Bottom" -- order of survey to Andrew Boyd December

18, 1766.

None of these men except Mease has been identified. None lived in the Mifflin County section. John Mease lived in Lebanon Township, Dauphin County. The men were probably land speculators. George Bell probably rented the land when he settled in 1773. There is no record of the deed by which he obtained title to the land. He may have purchased it from Mease about 1786, shortly after the sale of his father's farm at Paxton.

The settlement in Jacks Valley was interrupted in 1777 when the Indians began to attack the frontier. George Bell was a captain in the militia. (See page 17). He took his family to Paxton for safety. Tradition says his youngest daughter was born at Paxton December, 1777. While George Bell was at Paxton, his brothers Arthur and Thomas were living on the Bell farm. Arthur was assessed 1785 and 1786. John, son of George, served in the militia 1777-1782, so that he must have remained in Jacks Valley, too.

One of the difficulties of checking the early records is that when George Bell settled in Jacks Valley the Northumberland-Cumberland County line ran through his farm. His house was on the Northumberland County side; while Arthur, and later George's sons, John and William, lived on the Cumberland County side. The northern part of the farm was in: Penn Township, Northumberland County, 1773-1788; Beaverdam Township, Northumberland County, 1789-1812; Beaverdam Township, Mifflin County, 1813; Decatur Township, Mifflin County, after 1813. The southern part was in: Derry Township, Cumberland County, 1773-1789; Derry Township, Mifflin County, 1790-1813; Decatur Township, Mifflin County, after 1813. This means that three county seats must be visited and records of four townships checked. The assessment records for Northumberland County are missing 1773-1777. Those of 1778-1786 do not list any Bells. George Bell is listed in 1787 in Penn Township for 100 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows; in 1789 in Beaverdam Township. The Northumberland tax records after 1789 have not been located.

The tax records are complete for Cumberland and Mifflin and show John Bell in Derry Township after 1787; William after 1792. The other sons of George, Sr., namely, George, Jr., James, and Arthur,

lived mostly on the Northumberland County side, although in the 1790 census, George Bell, Jr. was listed in Mifflin County -- one male over 16, one under 16, one female. In 1813 George, Sr., George, Jr., Arthur, James, and John (son of George, Jr.) were assessed in Beaverdam Township; William and John H. (son of William) in Derry. In 1814 they were all in Decatur Township.

When George Bell, Sr. returned with his family to Jacks Valley about 1786, he found conditions changed. Much of the land had been taken up. There were many more settlers. He probably started to erect a log house. George Sigler, a neighbor, was assessed for a sawmill in 1789. A Presbyterian Congregation was organized in 1790 in Little Valley, seven miles to the southwest. In the 1790 census George Bell was listed in Northumberland County with 2 males above 16, and 3 females. A road in 1790 made access to Lewistown much easier.

At the June 1790 session of Mifflin County Court the following was presented:

"Upon the petition of sundry inhabitants of Jacks Valley setting forth that they have labored under great Disadvantages and Inconveniences for want of a Road from Lewis Town to the County line which Divides Northumberland and Mifflin County at or from George Bell's in Jacks Valley thence to George Zeigler's Sawmill - thence the nearest and best way by Christopher Martin's to Lewis Town." The petition was granted and the road was soon laid out, 33 feet wide.

An account of the wedding of George Bell's daughter, Elizabeth, is given in the pension record of Charles McClenahan (W2960). Charles and Elizabeth (Betsy) were married February 1, 1791 at George Bell, Sr.'s in Northumberland County by James Burns, Esq. Among those present were: Mary, Sarah, John, Margaret, George, Eleanor Bell, James Loudemore, James McClenahan; also George W. and Alexander Bell, who later moved to Barree. Margaret (Peggy), Elizabeth's sister, said that the wedding took place at the house of George Bell, her father, on the property on which Peggy was living in 1844; the bride wore a white linen dress; Andrew Green played the fiddle at the party; Robert Stanford was killed at a mill soon afterward. In 1789 George Bell, Jr. had married Eleanor McClenahan; in 1791 Elizabeth Bell married Charles McClenahan;

about 1794 Margaret married John McClenahen.

There are not many details available on the later years of George Bell, Sr. As early as 1793 two streams in the section were called Bell's Runs. In 1794 action was taken to eject George Bell and Charles McClenahen from their land. The suit was carried to the Supreme Court, but apparently Bell remained on the land. The land to the north was improved in December, 1802, by Sarah Bell, daughter of George Bell, Sr. - order of survey to Sarah Bell March 22, 1837, for 343 acres. This land was mostly mountain land. The tract adjoining Sarah on the east was improved in the fall of 1805 by James Bell - order of survey to George W. Sigler March 22, 1838, for 256 acres. The tract adjoining Sarah on the west was improved in 1810 by Benjamin Scott - order of survey to Scott September 1, 1840, for 330 acres.

A note on which George Bell, Sr. borrowed money June 26, 1809, led to years of litigation and eventually to the sale of George Bell, Jr.'s land. After the death of George Bell, Sr., suit was filed against the executors. In 1830 the land of George Bell, Jr., surviving executor, was sold by the sheriff to satisfy the claim. Five years later the "mountain land" of George, Jr. was sold by the sheriff. Since this land was not warranted, nothing could be done. In 1837 it was entered in Sarah's name. These early Bells seem to have had a great deal of land trouble.

George Bell died in the spring of 1816 in Decatur Township at the home of his daughter, Margaret. Tradition says that although he was past eighty, his hair was not gray. He was strong physically, and six feet tall. He was a good singer and was known for "being particular." The date of death of his wife, Mary, is not known. She was not living in 1815.

The will of "George Bell, Senior, of Decatur Township" was written December 29, 1815. It is recorded at Lewistown, Will Book 2, Number 282. He named ten children. The bequests were: to my "son John Bell one dollar;" to my "daughter Jane one dollar;" to my "son William Bell that part of the tract of land which he now lives on;" to my "son George Bell the old land and improvement by him;" to my "two daughters Mary and Sarah the third of the

grain raised on the old improvement for their use as long as they should live" and "all my movable property;" to "the heirs of my son James Bell that part of the land which he hath cleared;" to "my son Arthur Bell that land which he hath cleared;" to my "daughter Margaret and her offsprings for their use that part of the improvement which hath been made by her said husband John McClenahen;" to my "daughter Elizabeth one dollar". None of the land was to be sold except to George's children or grandchildren. William and George Bell were executors. The will was filed for probate April 15, 1816.

The 834 acres which George Bell, Sr. owned were divided as follows: Sold to William Stumpff June 10, 1814-104 acres; willed to William Bell-197 acres (sold by grandson William S. Bell, 1849); willed to George Bell, Jr.-217 acres (sold by sheriff, 1830); willed to Arthur Bell-106 acres (sold by Arthur to son-in-law Thomas McDowell, 1824; sold by McDowell, 1825); willed to John McClenahen-210 acres (sold by John's children, 1852). The land willed to James Bell did not belong to George, Sr. except by improvement right.

At the time of his death George Bell, Sr. was survived by nine of his children, over half a hundred grandchildren, and a number of great grandchildren. He had seen his son, James Bell, die in 1815; a grandson, James Bell, die in 1813; and a great-grandson, George Bell, die in 1814. Of the five daughters of George, Sr., there is no record of Jane, except her name in the will of her father. She probably married and "went west" soon after the Revolution. Mary and Sarah ("Sade") never married and kept house for their father. Mary was assessed 1824-1829. Sarah warranted land in 1837, which she sold in 1840 (it then had two "cabin houses" on it). The dates of their deaths are not known; but Mary probably died in Decatur Township in the 1830's and Sarah in Armagh Township at the home of George Bell, III in the 1840's. "Aunt Sade" was said to have been lame. Elizabeth (Betsy) Bell married Charles McClenahen, a farmer, who died in Decatur Township in 1836. Margaret (Peggy) Bell married his brother, John McClenahen, a wheelwright, who died in Decatur Township in 1830 (see page 43).

The section of Decatur Township,

where the Bells lived, early came to be called "Belltown". George Bell, his wife, most of their children, and a number of grandchildren are buried in unmarked graves in the orchard of Mrs. Charles M. Bell. Unfortunately, stones were never erected and the burial ground is a plowed field. This was typical of the Scotch-Irish. The family knew where the graves were and thought that was all that was necessary. The old family Bible was lost many years ago.

Of George Bell, Sr.'s five sons, three remained in Decatur Township. The first to leave was John ("Jack") Bell. He was the oldest and had been born at Paxton. In 1777 and 1778 he was an ensign in his father's company of militia. From 1780 to 1782 he was a lieutenant under Captain Robert Means. About 1782 John Bell married Ann Drummond, "a daughter of Colonel Drummond." The "Colonel" has not been identified. John Bell's oldest son, George, was born while William Bell, Sr. of Paxton, the great-grandfather, was still living. John Bell was back and forth between Jacks Valley and Paxton until about 1786. Beginning with 1787 he was taxed in Derry Township. On December 18, 1789 he was a witness to the will of a neighbor, George Sigler, Sr. In the 1790 census he appeared under Mifflin County with one male over 16, four under 16, two females. In 1793 John Bell was Captain of the Fourth Company of the First Kishacoquillas Regiment of Mifflin County militia.

Many stories were told of John Bell's prowess as a marksman in Indian warfare, in hunting, on the practice field. He could load quicker than anyone else. A little black dog always accompanied him. On one occasion when a hawk tried to carry off a chicken he shot the hawk without harming the chicken. One day while going through the woods Jack saw an Indian. He dropped behind a stump and the Indian did likewise. Jack held his hat on the ramrod of his gun. The Indian saw the hat and fired. Jack dropped the hat, and the Indian, thinking he had killed his foe, jumped up to scalp him. Jack, seeing his chance, shot the Indian, whose gun was empty.

John Bell's uncle, Arthur, had settled in Stone Valley (Barree Township, Huntingdon County) in 1787. It was to Barree that John Bell migrated in 1794 or

1795. The name of John Bell appeared on the tax lists of Barree Township 1795 to 1833, the year of his death. The farm on which he lived is located half a mile north-east of Masseyburg, near Shaver's Creek. The names of his children are given in Africa's History of Huntingdon County: George W., Alexander, William, John, Thomas, Arthur, and Jane.

Arthur Bell, the youngest son of George, Sr., was a farmer in Decatur Township. He and his brother, James, married Carson sisters. Arthur married Sarah Carson. About 1830 he, with some of his children, migrated west. There is little further record of Arthur; he died about 1851. A granddaughter is said to have visited his grave in Dayton, Ohio -- probably destroyed by the 1913 flood. The record of his children is given by a Mifflin County court record of a land case. His son, James Bell, of Huntingdon County, recorded the death of the plaintiff, Arthur Bell, sometime prior to February 10, 1852. In October, 1852, the heirs were given: Naney Bell McDowell, George Bell, James Bell, Elizabeth C. Bell Johnston, Arthur F. Bell, Sarah C. Bell (daughter of John C. Bell deceased), the four children of Jacob Bell deceased; namely, William H., Sarah S., Elizabeth C., and Mary.

James Bell, son of George, Sr., was a tailor by trade. He died September 23, 1815 in Decatur Township. His wife was Elizabeth Carson, who survived him by forty years. James Bell lived in Barree Township 1799-1803. According to the land records at Harrisburg he "built a house in the fall of 1805 and in November or December his family moved in; he died in it 1815." The heirs in 1838 sold their right to the land to George W. Sigler who had taken out a warrant. A copy of the births, marriages, and deaths of the James Bell family from the old Family Bible was in possession of Mrs. Anna Bell Stadler, of Bement, Illinois, in 1931.

George Bell, Jr. farmed the "old land" of his father's. About 1789 he married Eleanor McClenahan. He inherited 217 acres from his father, but this was sold by the sheriff in 1830 who described it as "200 acres more or less about 100 acres of which is cleared with a log house and a small orchard thereon as the property of George Bell, Sr. deceased". George Bell,

Jr. then moved to land held by Sarah Bell, his sister. He died in Decatur Township about 1840. The record of his descendants is given by a Mifflin County court action concerning land in August, 1843. The heirs of George Bell, Jr. were: George Bell of Armagh, James Johnston Bell, William Bell, Charles Bell, Jonathan "Huff" and Mary (Bell), Jacob Carson and Mary (Bell), George Bell, Adam Ramsey, guardian of George, Charles, James and Sarah Ramsey. Mary Bell Hough and George Bell were children of John Bell, deceased. Adam Ramsey's wife was Sarah Bell, deceased. Tradition names three other daughters, Catharine and Rachel Bell, who married Adam and John Close; and Elizabeth.

William Bell, the second son of George Bell, Sr., was a farmer in Decatur Township all his life. About 1790 he married Margaret (Peggy) McCartney, of Juniata County. Stories are told of trips she made on horseback on visits to her old home a few miles east of Mifflintown, Pennsylvania (see page 43). Their grandson, Thompson G. Bell in 1887 wrote: "William Bell, my grandfather, owned 200 acres. His wife (my grandmother) was Peggy McCartney. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church at Kelley--then called 'The Little Valley Presbyterian Church' -- and were very consistent Christian members. My grandmother was a woman of strong faith, very conscientious in the discharge of duty and more than the average in activity in the cause of religion." They were active consistent Christians and regular in attendance, although living nine miles away. All of the early Bells in Decatur attended the Little Valley Presbyterian Church. A log church was erected about 1806. William's son, Johnston, born 1802, was named for the first minister, James Johnston.

William Bell died in the fall of 1827. Letters of administration were issued to John H. Bell and Johnston Bell October 18, 1827. William's widow, Margaret Bell, died 15 years later. Letters of administration were issued to Samuel Barr (a son-in-law) February 16, 1843. The inventories of their estates reveal how they lived.

Inventory of William Bell: wagon, 2 haystacks, haystack in barn, 2 stacks rye, 180 bu. wheat, windmill, cutting box, 1/2 bushel measure, forks, 2 grain racks, flax,

1 1/2 bu. flax, 2 barrels, harrow, plow, pair hay ladders, 2 bridles, grubbing hoe, log chain, wedge, 2 chisels, hammer, tomahawk, 2 hoes, 2 axes, 3 scythes, shovel, bridle bits, chairs, mare, colt, horse, mare, cornfodder, buckwheat, hobbles, 13 sheep, 3 steers, 7 cows, 4 heifers, 4 calves, pot, corn in ear, calfskin, 2 spinning wheels, handsaw, 3 saddles, pair saddle bags, 2 bags, chest, 2 beds, weaving loom, meat vessel, 4 barrels, lumber, 15 gal. peach whiskey, cradle and scythe, table, 3 lots books, looking glass, slate, 2 bu. flax, lot of chairs, shovel and tongs, crook, dresser, lantern, candeloids, tea-kettle, 3 beds, bureau, chest, flax, drawing knife, pot and kettle, 3 pots, 3 barrels, 3 1/4 tons hay, pair handbellows, dozen plates, potatoes, 2 scythes, boards.

Inventory of Margaret Bell: hackle, clock, chest, 2 stands, brush, bureau, 2 servers, coverlet, quilt, scissors, books, canister, kitchen dresser, stewkettle, 6 teaspoons, 2 beds, 5 lb. feathers, thread, yarn, cotton, flax, 2 sheets, 3 splint bottom chairs, pot and lid, potrack, 9 1/4 yd. muslin, stove and pipe, 2 pans, 3 3/4 flax linen, copper tea kettle, 6 plates, queensware, spoons, knives, forks, 6 pewter plates, basin, 2 bags, 2 coffee pots, soap, hobbles, strainer.

A Mifflin County Orphans Court petition of January 22, 1820 tells of William Bell's son, James. John H. Bell presented the petition which was to establish the heirs of James Bell in order to obtain military bounty land. A witness was Charles McClenahan.

"Personally came into open court Charles McClenahan of Decatur Township in the said County and being duly sworn doth depose and say that he was well acquainted with James Bell formerly of Mifflin County and who enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States on the 20th day of June, 1813, for five years under Lt. McGhee of the 22nd Infantry and which said James Bell is said to have died while in the service of the United States at Sackets Harbor, N. Y. on the 2nd day of November, 1813. That deponent believes the said James Bell died intestate unmarried and without issue. That deponent was well acquainted with the father, mother, brothers and sisters of the said James Bell deceased. That his father William Bell and his mother

Margaret Bell -- his brothers and sister to wit: John H. Bell, George Bell, Isabella Bell, William Bell, Jr., Johnston Bell, Margaret Bell, and Arthur Bell are his legitimate heirs at law and that the said William Bell and Margaret his wife, John H. Bell, George Bell, and Isabella Bell are of full age and that the said William Bell, Jr., Johnston Bell, Margaret Bell, and Arthur Bell are in their minority and under the age of 21 years." James Bell served in Captain Willis Foulk's company. The War Department record lists his birthplace as Mifflin, Pennsylvania, in 1795. His trade was a blacksmith. The heirs were granted military bounty land in White County, Indiana.

Of the eight children of William Bell, John Henderson Bell was a farmer in Decatur Township, where he died in 1838. George Bell, never married, lived with his brother, Johnston. He died at Tyrone in 1871, the day after Johnston died. James Bell died in the War of 1812. William Bell, Jr. married Martha J. ----. In 1833 when he sold to his brother, John H. Bell, his interest in William Bell's estate, he was a carpenter in Wilsontown (Cottage),

West Township, Huntingdon County. There is no record of him after 1839, when he left Wilsontown. Johnston Bell, a farmer and merchant, lived in Decatur Township; in Armagh Township; in Centre County; and in Tyrone, where he died in 1871. Arthur Bell, a shoemaker, died in Decatur Township in 1837 at the early age of 30. Sibella Bell married Samuel Barr, an attorney, who lived first in Decatur Township and then in Lewistown, where Sibella died in 1845. Margaret Bell married Alexander Glass, a blacksmith. They migrated to Ripley, Ohio, in 1840, where Margaret died in 1858.

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Chapter VII

A FAMILY OF TWELVE

*"They built a little house for happiness--
Our forbears in that long and long ago--
And walled a garden round about to bless,
With flowers and with trees, love's overflow.
A structure reared of oaken timbers....dreams....
Materials time cannot twist awry!"*

—A House for Happiness, Ethel Romig Fuller

John Henderson Bell was born in Decatur Township, Mifflin County, on land on which his grandfather, George Bell, had settled in 1773. The date of birth given in the Family Bible is November 13, 1791. In 1791 the Jacks Valley frontier was beginning to take on aspects of a permanent settlement. A road, the new county of Mifflin, preaching services in Little Valley, new settlers, all made the settlement quite different from the perilous days of the Revolution.

There is no record of the youth of John Henderson Bell. His father, William Bell, was a farmer. His mother, Margaret McCartney, was a native of Juniata County. John was the oldest of eight children. They led the life of a typical farmer's family. Life was much simpler; work was harder. Newspapers, stores, roads were scarce. Postal service was uncertain. There were no radios, no automobiles, no telephones, no electric lights. Much of the social life was found at the church on the Sabbath, when neighbors and friends could meet and visit. Generally at Little Valley a morning sermon was followed by lunch, and then an afternoon sermon. Some of the young people carried their shoes till they got near the church, then put them on.

One of the families which lived near the Bells was the Sigler family--about two miles down the valley along Jacks Mountain. Tradition says that John liked to help the Siglers at harvest time. The reason is explained by his marriage August 22, 1810 to Mary Sigler, daughter of George Sigler, Jr. The Siglers were of German origin and had settled in Decatur Township in 1775 (see page 41). Both George Sigler, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Bunn, had

been born in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Mary, their oldest daughter, was born January 6, 1792. Mary's father, George, had been captured by the Indians in May, 1782, and taken to Canada. How often the grandchildren must have been told the story.

Both John Henderson Bell and Mary Sigler were eighteen when they were married in 1810. In those days young people matured early and took on responsibilities at a youthful age. Their Family Bible (published by M. Carey and Son, Philadelphia, 1820, now owned by Mrs. William C. Bell) lists the dates of birth and marriage of John and Mary and the record of their twelve children:

"George Bell	Jan. 3, 1812
William Bell	July 18, 1813
Matilda Elizabeth Bell	May 17, 1815
George Thompson Bell	Jan. 12, 1817
James Foster Bell	Nov. 14, 1818
Sibella Margaret Bell	Nov. 1, 1820
Sarah Bell	Jan. 2, 1823
Mary Jane Bell	Jan. 3, 1825
John McCartney Bell	Dec. 21, 1826
Ann Eliza Bell	Jan. 29, 1829
Amanda Ellen Bell	Jan. 27, 1831
Adaline Bell	Apr. 7, 1833"

Six of the children were born in January. William Bell added Sigler as a middle name. George Thompson became Thompson George.

In 1811 Mary Sigler Bell's mother died; ten years later her father. They are buried on the Sigler farm. The grandfather of John Henderson Bell, George Bell, died in 1816. John's father died in 1827; his mother in 1842 or 1843. Two of the twelve children of John and Mary were scalded to death at the age of two, George and James F.; one while candles were being made; the other during a butchering. They

are buried on the Sigler farm. A third child, Ann Eliza, died at fifteen. All the other children married--the last to die was Sarah in 1910.

The best account of John Henderson Bell is that written by his son, Thompson: "My father John H. Bell when married settled on a tract of land given to my mother by her father, George Sigler. Here he lived (erected a stone house, 1825) and raised a family of 12 children (less two that died in childhood) giving them the best that a common school system could and purchased besides the old homestead of his father near Belltown and died June 8, 1838 only 46 1/2 years old. He was (as he told me himself) clearly and satisfactorily converted about the time of the death of his first child (George) and never after doubted the change. He and mother connected with the Presbyterian Church at Kelley (now Vira), then a strong church and indeed all the church there was from Belltown to Ferguson Valley. He was a good Christian man always wherever he was. He was an active worker in the church and a leading man in the community where he lived, always looking out and doing work for the Master. When he was leading prayer meetings he would often exhort those present with great earnestness. His home was always a quiet retreat for the Minister of all denominations. He was superintendent of the first Sabbath School at Kelley in 1828.

"He was a man of prayer. Often have I gone to the barn in the morning and found him in secret prayer in the feed entry. He was not one of those who attended to family prayer on the Sabbath, but regularly morning and evening his voice was heard, reading the Scriptures and prayer and praise to God. The last time he led in family devotion he was very sick in bed, a few days before his death. He said I will try if some one will read. After partly dressing himself, he led the family in prayer, very earnestly, until through exhaustion and weakness he fell to the floor beside the bed and was helped into bed by us members of the family. My father was among the first to sign the temperance pledge at Kelley under the management and control of Rev. William Annan then Pastor of the 'Dry (Little) Valley' Presbyterian Church. This was in 1830 I think. Many would say to

those that signed (tauntingly): 'Where will you get your harvest hands?' But those heroic men were not driven back by the taunts of the fearful and hesitating. Where duty called, they would go. Father was one."

Laura H. Bell has added: "In 1834 he and Samuel Barr were appointed as the first school directors, to take charge of the public schools of the township and form them into districts. Prior to this they had only subscription schools taught in private houses or in some abandoned building." As early as 1825 he was active in school work. John H. Bell contracted a cold while standing outdoors talking with a neighbor one evening and was ill but a few days with congestion of the lungs. His will was non-cupative (oral) and is rather unusual:

"We the undersigned do state that John H. Bell did pronounce and say in our presence and hearing on the sixth day of June, 1838, that he avowed that lot they were now living on to Mary his wife so long as she remains his widow and to keep all together there and that he had told the same to his two sons and Matilda and Stephen this morning and that this was his last will and request and he hoped none of them would be so hard to turn her off, if he thought that ever she should be turned off. It would be a wonderful thing to him as that was all his concern here. I, one of the undersigned told him to rest contented for his telling it openly here to be his last will and request it would stand as well as if it was on paper. He asked me if it would, said if so he was content. Committed to writing the twelfth day of June, 1838."

"George Sigler Sibella M. Bell Mary Ann Bell"

Letters were granted on June 22, 1838 to William S. and Thompson G. Bell for the estate of their father, John H. Bell, whose house stood on the division line of Derry and Decatur Townships.

The inventory of the estate of John H. Bell is given: 5 steers, 1 bull, 1 cow, 4 heifers, 6 calves, 1 sow and pigs, 9 hogs, 2 axes, pitchforks, 6 rakes, shovel, fanning mill, dearborn wagon, set harness, saddle, cutting box, crocks, washing machine and tub, scythe, old scythe, cradle and scythe, crowbar, knife and trowel, chisels &c., mall &c., sleigh and bells,

churn, cooking stove and pipe, stove and pipe, shovel plow, grindstone, keg, clock, wheelbarrow, cowchains, halter chains, col-lars, bridles, gears, cutting box, bucket and basket, jackscrew, vessel with plaster, tar can and scoop, spreads, new wagon, pair hay ladders, 3 plows, set double tree, share &c., chain, 2 grubbing hoes, corn, 2 harrows, log-chain, 25 sheep, 1 heifer, 7 cows, mare and colt, horse Barney, horse Bulley, well bucket, 3 sickles, foot addice, 4 hoes, halter chain, riding bridles, 4 side saddles, 2 end tables, breakfast table, stand, bookcase and bureau, clock, andirons, bed &c., looking glass, books (\$12), set queensware, set chairs, 15 chairs, bureau, looking glass, 3 servers and candlestick, bedclothes, 6 beds &c., chest, carpeting, saddlebags, table, rifles, dresser, spectacles, barrels, corn basket, stewkettle, loom, hackles, 24 bags, number of shoemaker tools and leather, sword, harness leather, casks, 3 bu, wheat, 3 lots rye, 1 lot buckwheat, 2 lots oats, 2 spinning wheels, wagon cover, wash kettle, 2 lots wheat, 2 lots corn.

When William S. Bell in 1849 (Deed Book BB, page 26) sold the homestead of John H. Bell's father, he said: "It being the same tract of land which George Bell by his will dated 29th day of December A.D. 1815 (in writing) and recorded in the register's office of Mifflin County, Will Book B, No. 2, page 258, devised to his son William Bell and which tract of land was by proceedings in the Orphans Court of Mifflin County aforesaid and releases from certain of the heirs of the said William Bell dec'd vested in John H. Bell." John H. Bell had purchased his father's old farm from the brothers and sisters. William S. Bell purchased the John H. Bell farm and lived on it for many years. The stone house erected in 1825 is still standing in good condition.

Many changes occurred in the life-time of John H. Bell. Communication and transportation facilities improved. The canal was run through Lewistown in 1829. The "West" expanded. As early as 1823 a "Little Valley Academy" was in operation. Other Bells besides John and Mary who joined the Little Valley Temperance Association - the first of its kind - in 1830 were: Johnston, George T., William, George, Sibella M., Sarah, Margaret. A new frame church at Little Valley in 1828 had re-

placed the 1806 log structure.

In the early part of the 1800's athletic contests at neighborhood gatherings were common--wrestling, jumping, and racing. The shoemaker was an itinerant, making the family shoes at every stop. Stoves replaced fireplaces. Mail was received once a week. A newspaper was started in Lewistown. Literary societies, singing schools, and spelling bees sprang up.

John Henderson Bell, a leader in church, and community, was stricken in the prime of his life. At his death he left ten children and one grandchild (daughter of William). A daughter, Mary Ellen, was born to Matilda Bell Hinds two weeks after the death of the grandfather. Mary Sigler Bell kept the family together and bravely carried on the home after her husband's death. When she died in 1857, she left to survive her, eight children, 31 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, John P. Drake, son of Mary Ellen Hinds Drake. Simple stones mark the graves of John H. and Mary Bell in the Vira Presbyterian cemetery. The combination of Scotch-Irish and German blood with the influence of a good Christian home made fine men and women of the children of John H. and Mary Sigler Bell.

The first to marry was Matilda who married Stephen Hinds December 22, 1836. Then William was married to Keziah Beatty in 1837; Sibella to Robert Kinsloe, and Thompson to Priscilla Martin in 1841; Sarah to Francis Martin in 1844; Amanda to James Alexander, and John to Henrietta Haller in 1849. Adalina married Henry Haller in 1853; Mary Jane married Preston Knight in 1855. It was a time of migration westward. The Hallers went to Illinois about 1853; the Martins in 1857. Mary Jane was married in Illinois. A number of the Hindses and two of John M. Bell's children migrated west later.

Stephen Hinds and Matilda Bell were neighbors in Decatur Township. Stephen's father operated a tavern on the old stage road. Later Matilda and her husband moved to the "Beaver Dams" near Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, where they farmed. Stephen died in 1867 at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, while on a visit to his daughter, Mary Ellen. Matilda died 17 years later while visiting her brother, Thompson, at Kelley (Vira).

Robert Kinsloe was a native of Lewistown. He married Sibella Margaret in 1841. Kinsloe operated stores in several Mifflin County towns before he settled in Newton Hamilton in 1869. Here he was a leading business man and a faithful worker in the Methodist Church, until his death in 1890. Thompson and Sarah Bell married sister and brother. Francis ("Frank") Martin was a rugged pioneer on the Illinois prairie. He was an old style Methodist class leader who prayed and exhorted with Elijah-like power. His wife was a very kind-hearted and sensible woman; helpful to her neighbors and keenly interested in her own family's success. They were married for nearly sixty years. Sarah Bell Martin died in Hammond, Illinois, in 1910, the last of her generation.

There are no descendants living today of Amanda Alexander, or of Mary Jane Knight. Amanda's husband, James H. Alexander, was "a successful farmer, an upright and intelligent citizen, and an active and efficient Elder in the Little Valley (Vira) Presbyterian Church." Preston B. Knight was a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He moved to Illinois with his parents at the age of one. Among his offices and positions were: 1846-1848 School teacher, Christian County; 1849-1856 Clerk in Taylorville store; 1856-1858 Sullivan merchant; 1861-1865 Sullivan postmaster; 1869-1873 County coroner at Lincoln; 1873-1888 Town clerk at Lincoln. He was an elder in in the Presbyterian Church. Henry Haller and Adaline Bell moved to Illinois soon after their marriage. Haller was a merchant at Hillsboro for many years.

John Henderson Bell's three sons, William, Thompson, and John all stayed in Mifflin County. William S. Bell was born in 1813 while his great-grandfather Bell was still living. William married Keziah Beatty, daughter of John and Nancy (Glass) Beatty of Mifflin County. He purchased his father's farm and spent the most of his life there. He was a staunch Presbyterian all his life, a good singer, possessing a tenor voice of unusual sweetness; a leader of the singing in his church for years.

"William Sigler Bell had a personality that those who knew him could never forget. His was a kind, generous nature combined with firm discipline for himself and others which made his standard high and

unyielding in whatever interested him. He had no mercy on slipshod teachers, preachers, musicians, farmers, and others who met with disapproval. But if he saw improvement in someone trying to learn, he encouraged them.

"William, as a young man, had taught public school and evening singing school. He liked to ride horseback and was a striking figure as he sat erect as any general who had taken training. He was a thrifty farmer, made a good living, was honest in all his dealings, and gave his two sons and daughter better education than did many of that day. He often deplored the lack of 'grit' in persons who failed to succeed. He was vigorous until at the age of eighty an attack of pneumonia brought his useful life to a close. He is buried in the Vira Presbyterian cemetery near his father."

In the sketch of his life Thompson George Bell speaks of teaching school and singing school from the time he was seventeen until he was married at the age of 24. He says, speaking of his wife, who was Priscilla Martin, "She never asked me to join the Methodist Church with her and it was only after plainly seeing God's hand opening the doors of that church to me that I joined it."

His son, S. Martin Bell, wrote of him, "I never felt that I could do justice to the life and character of my father, Thompson George Bell. As a man and citizen he was a born leader; a man of strong character and very influential in the community; a cautious, correct business man, clerking many sales and settling up many estates, thus handling much money for others of which he never lost a dollar. He started as a poor boy, but before many years he owned a farm.

"As a leader in church work he was a living epistle known and read of all men. Gifted and earnest in exhortation, prayer and song, his natural place was at the front first and always. His pastor, the Rev. S. H. C. Smith wrote of him in the church record, 'In this brother you will find a man for any emergency. He can sing, talk, and pray; is useful, popular, and good.' He led the church music for many years and delighted in teaching children to sing.

"But it is as a kind Christian father that we remember him best and love to think of him. Morning and night his

prayer went up from the home altar for those present and absent. Firm yet not severe, kind yet not overindulgent he set an example that has been an inspiration to us all. He attended church services even when he was too weak to walk, frequently riding the short distance." He died in his Vira home (called the "Brown House") in 1889 and is buried in the Vira Methodist cemetery.

John M. Bell was reared as a farmer and received a common school education, supplemented by a course in Tuscarora Academy at Academia. He was always interested in education. He began teaching in early manhood and for many years followed this occupation in the winter and farmed in the summer. He was an efficient worker in the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School. He was a gifted singer with a strong musical baritone voice. A man much admired and esteemed by all, he was noted for his gentleness and friendliness. His son, D. Bates Bell, wrote of him: "My father, John McCartney Bell, lived most of his life in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, engaged in farming and educational work. He served two terms as County Superintendent of Public Schools, and in the year 1872 purchased what was then known as Kishacoquillas Seminary, a school in the Valley for Boys and Girls, situated four miles west of Reedsville. The Seminary was both home for the family and school for two or more of the children until 1879, when it passed into other hands and ceased to exist as an educational institution. After leaving the Seminary in the spring of 1879, my parents lived for two years near Reedsville, and then moved to Centre County, near Bellefonte, where father was employed as bookkeeper at an axe factory until the beginning of 1885, when they removed to Mount Union, Huntingdon County, and with the assistance of my brother, W. T. Bell, father established the insurance agency which is still in existence in the name of Bell and Welch. The firm was J. M. Bell and Son until after father's death when his interest in the business passed to my brother Will.

Father died July 3, 1887, at the age of sixty, and mother ten years later. They are buried in the cemetery at Mount Union, and the inscription on the headstone following father's name is: 'Jesus Lead Me All The Way.' Under mother's name, the inscription: 'She patiently awaited His coming.' Both of my parents were deeply religious and active in the church."

If space permitted, we would like to tell of the grandchildren of John Henderson Bell, of their achievements and their fine records as Christian men and women. Few families have retained through the years the affection and kinship that ours has. In 1929 a Bell Reunion of descendants of John Henderson Bell was founded by J. Ellis Bell. On the average one hundred members of the Clan gather to renew acquaintances. Reunions have been held at the Methodist Training Camp, Newton Hamilton, Pennsylvania, in June 1929, June 1930, July 1932, June 1934, June 1937, June 1940. The presidents have been: J. Ellis Bell, Harry A. Bell, Ralph C. Bell, Fearon B. Bell, Robert K. Bell, Edward L. Bell and Raymond M. Bell.

About 1300 in Dumfriesshire in southern Scotland the first Bells appeared. Three centuries later some of them were seeking a new home in northern Ireland. Another century and the Bells were in Pennsylvania. William Bell pioneered at Paxton in the 1730's. His sons helped to make our country free and independent; and then migrated westward. Our branch settled in Mifflin County. John Henderson Bell, great-grandson of William of Paxton, at his death in 1838 in Decatur left ten children. A hundred years later his many descendants are scattered all over America --sturdy, honest, patriotic, and religious citizens.

Sources

Court Records of Mifflin County
Family Records

JOHN HENDERSON BELL

B. Nov. 13-1791 Mifflin Co.
D. June 8-1838 Mifflin Co.
Buried at Vira
Leader in church and
school activities
Died at the early age
of 47

WILLIAM BELL

B. about 1762 Dauphin Co.
D. Sept. 1827 Mifflin Co.
Spent most of his life in
Decatur Twp.

M. about 1790

MARGARET McCARTNEY

B. about 1770 Juniata Co.
D. Jan. 1843 Mifflin Co.
A pioneer mother

GEORGE BELL

B. about 1734
D. Mar. 1816 Mifflin Co.
Captain in Revolution
Paxton to Mifflin Co. 1765
Son of WILLIAM BELL
B. about 1705
D. Oct. 29-1783
Paxton, Dauphin Co., Pa. and
JANE LEA (?)

MARY BELL

JOHN McCARTNEY

D. May 1787 Juniata Co.

SIBELLA HENDERSON daughter of
WILLIAM HENDERSON
D. Apr. 1784 Juniata Co. and
AGNES -----

M. Aug. 22-1810

MARY SIGLER

B. Jan. 6-1792 Mifflin Co.
D. June 19-1857 Mifflin Co.
Buried at Vira
Bravely carried on the
home after her husband's
death

GEORGE SIGLER

B. Feb. 17-1762 Hunterdon
Co., N. J.
D. Aug. 3-1821 Mifflin Co.
Captured by Indians, 1782
Private in Revolution
Buried on Sigler farm in
Decatur Twp.

M. about 1791

ELIZABETH BUNN

B. Sept. 17-1768 Hunterdon
Co., N. J.
D. May 19-1811 Mifflin Co.
Buried on Sigler farm

GEORGE SIGLER

B. about 1730
D. Mar. 1790 Mifflin Co.
Germany to America about
1751
New Jersey to Mifflin Co.
1775

ELIZABETH TERRAULT

JACOB BUNN

B. 1736
D. Mar. 15-1808 Hunterdon Co.,
N. J.
Buried at Mt. Pleasant,
N. J.

MARY ELIZABETH -----

B. 1744
D. May 9-1817 Hunterdon Co.,
N. J.
Buried at Mt. Pleasant, N. J.

Chapter VIII

OTHER FAMILIES

*"Shut in from all the world without
We sat the clean-winged hearth about,....
The mug of cider simmered slow,
The apples sputtered in a row,
And close at hand, the basket stood
With nuts from brown October's wood."*

—Snowbound, John Greenleaf Whittier

John Henderson Bell married a Sigler and his mother was a McCartney. Three of the children of George Bell, Sr. of Decatur married McClenahens. Many other Bells lived at Paxton and in Cumberland County in the early days. For these reasons the Sigler, McCartney, and McClenahen family records will be given here, as well as supplementary Bell data.

George Sigler, Sr. (Gorg Ziegler in German) came to Pennsylvania from Germany soon after 1750. His oldest son, John, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1753, according to John's pension record (R9565). In 1751 George Sigler paid taxes in Manor Township, Lancaster County. He is probably the George Sigler who arrived at Philadelphia September 25, 1751 on the ship Phoenix. Tradition says that George married Elizabeth Terrault on shipboard enroute to America.

The next record of George Sigler, Sr. is in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Here George, Jr. was born February 17, 1762, according to family Bible records. The Siglers attended what is now the Alexandria Presbyterian Church at Mount Pleasant, New Jersey. It was then a union church, German Reformed and Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, known as "The Dutch and English Presbyterian Church and Congregation of Alexandria." The baptismal records show: Date of Birth, Date of Baptism, Name of Child, Name of Parents, Name of Witnesses; 1766 Feb. 19, Aug. 26, Jacob, George and Elisabeth Ziegler, Jacob Bonn and Catharine Eberts; 1768 Sept. 17, Oct. 16, Elisabeth, Jacob and Elisabeth Bohn, George Ziegler and Elisabeth Jung; 1768 June 3, Oct. 16, Adam, George and Elisabeth Ziegler, none. The names Ziegler, Bohn-Bonn, Jung are now spelled Sigler,

Bunn, and Young.

About 1775 George Sigler, Sr. and his family migrated to the head of Long Meadow Run in Derry Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (now Decatur Township, Mifflin County). The next year his name first appeared on the tax list--100 acres, 30 cleared, two horses, two cows. September 22, 1778 he bought the Long Meadows tract (234 acres) from Charles Coxe, of Sidney, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Coxe evidently persuaded Sigler to migrate to this Scotch-Irish frontier settlement. The land on which the Siglers settled had been surveyed in 1766 in the name of Alexander Dyer. In 1782 George Sigler, Sr. was a township road supervisor.

In May 1782 George Sigler, Sr. heard that Indians had been seen on the other side of the mountain. He sent George, Jr. to the neighboring Bell farm to ascertain what had been heard. On the way George, Jr. (aged 20) was seized by a party of Indians and taken to Canada and held captive for a year. For the full account see "Our Sigler Ancestors," by Raymond M. Bell. The capture is verified in the pension applications of three soldiers of the Revolution. James Glasgow (W25633) said: "The Indians made an incursion into this country and took George Sigler and other prisoners, killed a woman down at the Beaver Dams in Union County and burnt several houses." Frederick Baum (S6561) related: "That George Sigler, Jr. was about that time taken a prisoner about a quarter of a mile from his father's house." Robert Means (S22393) said: "In the spring or early in the summer of 1782 at the time the Indians made an incursion into the settlements and killed a woman at or near the Beaver Dams in Union County, burnt several houses, took George Sigler and others

prisoners." These men were in the company which unsuccessfully followed the Indians as far as the west branch of the Susquehanna. The month was May according to Union County records.

John Sigler (R 9565), John Riden (\$5982), Frederick Baum, and Henry Sigler in pension affidavits tell of "Sigler's Station." Troops were stationed at George Sigler's the summer and fall of 1782, but the Indians never appeared again. In 1784 George Sigler, Sr. warranted 100 acres of adjoining mountain land called "Germanicus." In 1785 he bought 117 adjoining acres from Jonathan Parshall who had gotten it from Coxe in 1777. George Sigler, Sr. served in Derry Township as Overseer of the Poor in 1785; as Tax Collector in 1787. In 1789 he was assessed for a sawmill. His will, written December 18, 1789, was probated at

Lewistown March 9, 1790 (Will Book 1, No. 6). He mentions his wife, Elizabeth; sons, John, George, Henry, Jacob, Adam, Samuel; daughter, Elizabeth. He is buried on his farm in the Sigler Cemetery. George Sigler, Jr. went to New Jersey in 1790 or 1791 and brought back as his bride, Elizabeth Bunn. She had been baptized the same day as George's brother Adam (see above). George, Jr. built a stone house on the homestead. The house is still in good condition.

The children and grandchildren of George Sigler, Sr. are given below. All lived in Mifflin County unless otherwise indicated. (In 1790 there were 24 Sigler families in the United States: Pennsylvania 15; South Carolina 4; North Carolina 3; Virginia 1; Maryland 1.)

George Sigler D. 1790 Mifflin Co. M. Elizabeth Terrault

A. John Sigler B. Feb. 17-1753 D. Apr. 5-1836 Mifflin Co. M. Jane Osborn B. 1751 D. May 8-1833

1. Elizabeth Sigler B. July 19-1786 D. July 19-1874 Never married
2. Mary Sigler B. Sept. 8-1787 D. Apr. 30-1856 M. William Stumpff
3. Sarah Sigler B. Apr. 13-1790 M. John Riden
4. Nancy Sigler B. Aug. 9-1791 M. John Krepps
5. Samuel Sigler B. Jan. 6-1793 D. May 7-1859 M. Elizabeth Myers Ort
6. Eleanor Sigler B. Feb. 8-1795 D. Apr. 18-1840 M. William Townsend
7. Catherine Sigler B. Aug. 9-1797 M. George Myers
8. Jacob Sigler B. Aug. 9-1797 D. Oct. 3-1846 Putnam Co., Ohio, M. Mary Abigail Stoneroad

B. George Sigler B. Feb. 17-1762 D. Aug. 3-1821 Mifflin Co. M. Elizabeth Bunn. B. Sept. 17-1768 D. May 19-1811

1. Mary Sigler B. Jan. 6-1792 D. June 19-1857 M. John Henderson Bell
2. Jacob Sigler B. Mar. 9-1794 D. 1870 Oceola, Ohio M. Rachel Hinds
3. Elizabeth Sigler B. Oct. 30-1796 D. July 20-1874 Never married
4. George Sigler B. Apr. 17-1799 D. July 18-1866 M. Sarah Townsend
5. Sarah Sigler B. Aug. 13-1802 D. Jan. 6-1881 Juniata Co., Pa. M. John Rothrock

C. Henry Sigler B. Mar. 21-1764 D. May 25-1838 Mifflin Co. M. Ann Van Horn B. May 1-1774 D. Sept. 20-1826

1. Daniel Sigler B. Feb. 28-1800 D. Sept. 30-1865 Loudonville, Ohio, M. Elizabeth Matthews
2. Elizabeth Sigler B. Nov. 4-1801 D. Mar. 18-1838 Never married
3. George H. Sigler B. Aug. 3-1803 D. Oct. 22-1863 M. Sarah Burkholder
4. John Sigler B. Dec. 23-1804 D. Feb. 25-1853 M. Susanna Burkholder
5. Henry Sigler B. Nov. 22-1806 D. July 23-1825
6. Jane Sigler B. June 18-1808 D. 1845 Juniata Co., Pa. M. Thomas B. Coder
7. Mary Sigler B. May 6-1810 D. Sept. 29-1826
8. Sarah Sigler B. Feb. 1-1811 D. July 5-1835 M. John Kelley
9. Nancy Sigler B. May 19-1815 D. Nov. 19-1905 Wolcott, Ind., M. Joseph Foltz

D. Jacob Sigler B. Feb. 19-1766, no record after 1792 tax list, Derry Township

E. Adam Sigler B. June 3-1768 D. June 30-1846 Mifflin Co., M. Jemima Van Horn B. Apr. 2-1775 D. Aug. 24-1854.

1. Ann Sigler B. Mar. 2-1798 D. June 1882 Never married
 2. Elizabeth Sigler B. Dec. 6-1799 D. Feb. 1883 Never married
 3. Margaret Sigler B. Sept. 6-1801 D. May 29-1876 M. Thomas Stoneroad
 4. George Sigler B. May 15-1803 D. Aug. 29-1830
 5. Mary Sigler B. Oct. 6-1804 D. June 18-1821
 6. John Sigler B. Sept. 10-1806 D. Sept. 29-1849 M. Juliann -----
 7. Jacob V. Sigler B. May 28-1808 D. Sept. 18-1875 M. Mary Hunter
 8. Sarah Sigler B. Nov. 17-1810, Adams Co., Ohio, M. Azzur W. Young
 9. Jemima Sigler B. Aug. 17-1812 D. Oct. 24-1905 M. Abraham Muthersbaugh
 10. Adam V. Sigler B. Aug. 20-1814 D. Mar. 10-1899 Lake City, Minn. M. Matilda E.---
 11. Johnston Sigler B. July 30-1816 D. Sept. 2-1893 M. Hannah McKee
 12. Isabella Sigler B. Oct. 9-1819, Adams Co., Ohio, M. David F. Doak
 13. Belinda Sigler B. Nov. 4-1821 D. Feb. 27-1910 M. Samuel D. Aitkins
- F. Samuel Sigler B. Aug. 15-1774 D. July 15-1850 Mifflin Co. M. Mary Carson B. Nov. 29-1775 D. May 14-1836
1. William Sigler B. July 17-1805 D. May 26-1858 Nevada, Ohio M. Rosanna Mitchell
 2. George W. Sigler B. Feb. 12-1808 D. Oct. 14-1873 M. Jane E. McCloskey
 3. John Carson Sigler B. Aug. 6-1810 D. Jan 14-1883 M. Amanda M. Kinsloe
 4. Elizabeth Sigler, Seattle, Washington, M. Samuel Hopper
 5. Caroline Ruth Sigler M. John Cubbison
- G. Mary Elizabeth Sigler B. Apr. 7-1788 D. July 31-1833 Hunterdon Co., N. J. M. Henry Bunn B. Oct. 19-1772 D. May 11-1859
1. Sarah Ann 1809-1827; 2. Elizabeth (Eckel) 1812-1894; 3. Jacob 1814-1897;
 4. William 1817-1893; 5. George 1820-----; 6. Lucinda (Johnston) 1822-----;
 7. Mary Eleanor (Van Syckle) 1824-1914; 8. Henry 1827-----; 9. John Whitfield 1831-1920; 10. Augustus 1833-1833.

John Henderson Bell's mother, Margaret (Peggy) McCartney, was raised a few miles east of Mifflintown, Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Her parents were John and Sibella (Henderson) McCartney. The McCartneys and Hendersons were pioneer settlers in Fermanagh Township (then Cumberland County). John may have been a son of William McCartney who died in Fermanagh in 1774. Sibella was a daughter of William and Agnes Henderson. He died in Fermanagh in April, 1784. The name "Sibella" has been handed down through several generations. John "Henderson" Bell was named for his grandmother Sibella "Henderson" McCartney.

John McCartney was a blacksmith by trade. His will, written November 9, 1786, was probated June 2, 1787 at Carlisle. He named his wife, Sibella, and three daughters, Rebecca, Sarah, and Margaret. He was about 50 at his death. His daughter, Margaret, married William Bell of Decatur Township in 1790. Tradition tells of her riding over the mountain to visit her old home with some of her children on the horse behind her.

The best source of information about the McClenahen family is the pension

application of Charles McClenahen (W2960). In it he said that he was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in August, 1760, and came to this country with his father in 1762. Tradition names the father as James McClenahen. In 1771 a James McClenahen and a George Bell were renters in West Hanover Township, east of Paxton. These may have been the fathers of Charles McClenahen and Elizabeth Bell. In 1773 McClenahen is listed again in West Hanover. Charles McClenahen said that in 1779 he was residing in Mahoning Township, Northumberland County. Since in this township 1778-1780 "Eleanor" and 1781-1782 "Widow" McClenahen was assessed, it would appear that James McClenahen died about 1775. Tradition says he was buried at Paxton and names his wife as Eleanor Cunningham, a native of Glasgow. Tradition also says James McClenahen was a wheelwright and of Highland Scotch origin. His bagpipes were kept for many years. Eleanor McClenahen is said to have died in Decatur Township at the home of her son, John.

The children of James and Eleanor McClenahen were:

1. Charles McClenahen B. 1760 D. 1836.
- M. 1791 Elizabeth Bell. Farmer in Decatur

Township, Mifflin County.

2. James McClenahen, Jr. Assessed in Derry Township 1789; listed in Mifflin County census 1790; attended wedding of Charles 1791; last heard of in Limestone, Kentucky.

3. John McClenahen B. 1772 D. 1830. M. 1794 Margaret Bell. Wheelwright in Decatur Township.

4. Eleanor McClenahen M. George Bell, Jr. Decatur Township.

5. Barbara McClenahen, never married.

6. Ann McClenahen M. John Latimer. Centre County

7. Mary McClenahen M. ----Forsythe. Northumberland County

8. Agnes McClenahen M. Thomas Gaskins. Northumberland County

9. Jane McClenahen M. Andrew Clark. Northumberland County

Charles McClenahen in 1779 marched from Mahoning Township as a soldier under Captain Thomas Gaskins. He enlisted for six months in Colonel Cook's Pennsylvania Regiment. They went to Wyoming in Luzerne County, where they joined General Sullivan. Then they marched up the north branch to Tioga Point and were joined by General Clinton. Next they attacked and burned Chemung and destroyed the cornfields of the Indians. In 1787 and 1789 Charles McClenahen was a freeman in Derry (now Decatur) Township, Mifflin County. His name in the 1790 census is under Mifflin County. February 1, 1791 he married Elizabeth Bell.

The name Bell was very common in the early settlements of Pennsylvania. In the 1790 census there were 540 families (2489 individuals) named Bell living in the United States:

By families:

North Carolina	148
Pennsylvania	96
Virginia	76
New York	64
South Carolina	54
Massachusetts	28
Maryland	27
New Hampshire	19
Connecticut	17
Vermont	9
Maine, Rhode Island	each 1

The records of Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee were destroyed by the British in 1812. Many of the Virginia and

Carolina families came from Pennsylvania originally.

Paxton and Cumberland County were Scotch-Irish centers. The tax records available list the following Bells:

Lower Paxton Township 1749-1789--
William 1749-1782; George 1749-1750; William freeman 1750; John 1750-1758; Walter 1756-1758; John 1770-1772; Thomas 1770-1789; George 1782-1785; William Jr. freeman 1770-1772.

Middle Paxton Township 1771-1788--
John 1771-1788 and John Jr. 1771-1788; William 1773-1780; William Jr. 1787; James 1779-1788; George 1779-1788 (ml780); widow of John 1782-1788; John freeman 1782-1788; Arthur 1786-1788.

Cumberland County 1760-1789--
(excluding all names listed for only one year; Franklin County formed 1784)

Peters Twp. (now Franklin Co.) - Robert, weaver 73-83. Fannett Twp. (now Franklin Co.) - John 79-83. Letterkenny Twp. (now Franklin Co.) - William 79-83; William Jr. 80-83. Lurgan Twp. (now Franklin Co.) - John 63-64. Derry Twp. (now Mifflin Co.) - George 67-72; Arthur 85-86; John 87-89. Wayne Twp. (now Mifflin Co.) - John 78-87 (ml786). Lake Twp. (now Juniata Co.) - Samuel 75-76; James 88-89. Milford Twp. (now Juniata Co.) - William Esq. 67-89; Arthur freeman 85-89. Tyrone Twp. (now Perry Co.) - Thomas 70-89 (Carlisle 64-69); William freeman 88-89. To-boyne Twp. (now Perry Co.) - Samuel 79-81; John freeman 79-80; Joseph freeman 80-81. E. Pennsborough Twp. - David 63-83; Sarah (widow of David) 85-89; James 67-89; Robert 85-89; William freeman 68-69. Carlisle - Agnes (widow) 86-87. Allen Twp. - Hugh 75-76. Shippensburg - William 87-89. Hope-well Twp. - William 72-75 78; Samuel 76-85; John 81-82. Newton Twp. (now Mifflin Twp.) - Robert, maltster 72-89; John, cooper, freeman 72-73 74-80 85-89; Andrew, tanner, 75-89. West Pennsborough Twp. (now Frankford Twp.) - John 73-89; Robert freeman 85-86; William 75 78 80-82; Charles 79-82.

Among the early Bells in Hanover Township (east of Paxton) were Walter Bell and Thomas Bell. Their families are given:

WALTER BELL, born about 1710, died 1759 in (now) Dauphin Co., Pa., warranted land in Hanover Twp., (now) Dauphin Co. 1737; M. c. 1736 Elizabeth -----

1. Thomas Bell B.c. 1737
2. Robert Bell B. 1739; lived in Newton Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa. 1772-96; M. Jean ----- B. 1738; Issue: John (?) B. 1770, Walter B. 1771, William B. 1772, David B. 1774, Margaret B. 1776, and others
3. James Bell B.c. 1741
4. John Bell B. 1742 D. 1815 Derry Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa. M. 1773 Martha Gilchrist 1749-1826; lived in Newton Twp., Cumberland Co. 1772-1794; Issue: Jane (Pomroy) B. 1779, John, Elizabeth (Barr) D. 1853, Walter D. 1848, Martha (Moorhead) 1789-1877, James Gilchrist 1796-1853
5. Hannah Bell B.c. 1743 M(1) 1767 William McClure D. 1774 Peters Twp., Cumberland Co. M(2) Hugh Hamilton; Issue (McClure): John B. 1770, Walter B. 1771, Ann B. 1774
6. Walter Bell B. 1745 D. 1796 Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa. M. Catherine -----1744-1822 Buried at Donegal
7. Andrew Bell B. 1747 D. 1822 Mifflin (formerly Newton) Twp., Cumberland Co., M. Elizabeth -----; in Newton Twp. as early as 1775; Issue: Elizabeth (Jones) B. 1774, Samuel 1777-1823, Martha (McCausland) B. 1780, Rosanna (McCord) B. 1783, Sarah (Redett) B. 1786, Andrew 1790-1824
8. George Bell B.c. 1748
9. Elizabeth Bell B. c. 1750 M.c. 1769 Andrew Thompson
10. Samuel Bell B.c. 1752
11. Rosannah Bell B. 1754 D. 1834 Derry Twp., Westmoreland Co. M(1) William Bell (son of William Bell) D. 1784 Letterkenny Twp., Cumberland Co. Issue: William 1782-1839, Walter 1783-1868 M(2) William Bell 1755-1828 Issue: Andrew, Robert, Samuel, John, Letty, Elizabeth

THOMAS BELL, born about 1710, died 1759 or 1762 in (now) Dauphin Co., took up land in Hanover Twp. 1736; M.c. 1736 Ann -----

1. Thomas Bell B. 1737 D. 1815 Dauphin Co. M(1) Apr. 7-1761 Ann Graham 1740-1804; M(2) Feb. 26-1807 Mary McChesney 1758-1820; Issue: Ann (Knox), Thomas, Jean (Wills), Samuel, Sarah (Jinness), Alexander, Martha (Rogers)
2. James Bell B.c. 1739
3. Son B.c. 1741, killed by Indians Nov. 25-1757
4. Martha Bell B.c. 1743
5. Samuel Bell B.c. 1745
6. Ann Bell B.c. 1747
7. Jane Bell B.c. 1749
8. Elizabeth Bell B.c. 1751 M. Dixon

A brief summary of records of other Bell families in the hands of the author is given. No relationships are known between these families.

William Bell D. before 1785 Middle Paxton Twp. Issue: William, James, Margaret (Richardson)

John Bell B.c. 1730 D. 1819 Middle Paxton Twp. M. 1755 Sarah Bell (?) Issue: George B.c. 1756, Walter, William, Mary M. James Bell (1750-1821), Dorcas (Taylor) 1764-1849, Isaac, Jane, Rachel B. 1770, Joseph, Elizabeth.

?William? Bell M. Catherine Parks said to be parents of John Bell (c1775-1815) of Middle Paxton Twp. M. Elizabeth Consor, Issue (of John): Mary, Catherine,

William, John, Eliza, Sarah, George
 ?William? Bell on early assessment and land records in Middle Paxton. Issue: John Bell 1752-1834, never married, died Clearfield Co., Pa.; Arthur Bell 1761-1836, died Clearfield Co., moved there from Middle Paxton about 1789, brother of John, sons of Arthur: Greenwood and William; ?James Bell 1750-1821; ?Mary Bell M. George Bell of Decatur Township; ?William Bell, Jr. D. 1806 Derry Twp., Westmoreland Co., William Jr. in 1790 was in Clearfield (then Northumberland) Co. with Arthur, Issue: John, William, Arthur, Annie, Sarah.
 John Bell D. 1806 Middle Paxton Twp. leaving wife, Susannah and children, Samuel, Jane (Aston), Susanna, William

James Bell 1750-1821 M. Mary Bell lived in Middle Paxton Twp. Issue: John B.c. 1784 to Louisville, Ky., James, William, Isaac, Walter, Amelia (Bell), Sarah (Donnelly), Rachel, Mary (Greenwood)

William Bell B.c. 1730 D. 1806 Hopewell Twp., Cumberland Co. M. -----Jacks; Issue: William, Jr. D. 1784, first husband of Rosannah Bell, Margaret (McLean)

James Bell D. before 1751 Cumberland Co. leaving minors, James, Thomas.

John Bell D. 1765 Lurgan Twp., now Franklin Co. leaving wife, Margaret and children (all born after 1750): John, William, Jane, Thomas, Eleanor, James, Mary

William Bell B.c. 1735 D. 1819 Milford Twp. now Juniata Co. M. 1760 Elizabeth Stuart; settled in Milford c. 1762; in 1755 William, Robert, and David Bell all had land in Milford Twp.; sons: Arthur, David, Robert, William; daughters: Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Jane, Sarah

John Bell B. 1750 in Ireland D. 1840 Nelson Co., Ky. M. 1786 in Washington Co., Pa. Margaret -----; lived in Wayne Twp., now Mifflin Co. 1778-1787; to Ky. 1788; Issue: Adam, and others

James Bell D. 1806 East Pennsborough Twp., Cumberland Co. M. Sarah ----- assessed in E. P. Twp. as early as 1767; Issue: James, William, Thomas, Polly, Jane (Dunlap), Rebecca (Williamson), and three other daughters.

David Bell D. 1784 East Pennsborough Twp. M. Sarah -----; assessed in E.P. Twp. as early as 1763

Thomas Bell D.c. 1796 Tyrone Twp., now Perry Co. leaving wife, Eleanor. Issue: James, John, Samuel, Eleanor (Jacobs), Sarah (Richardson), Nancy (Phrener)

John Bell 1733-1815 died at Bellwood, Pa. where he settled about 1800, coming from Huntingdon Co. M. Mary Elizabeth Hunter 1745-1817. Son: Edward Bell 1769-1852

Robert Bell D. 1820 Derry Twp., Westmoreland Co. Issue: James, John, David, Nancy (Hunter), Rachel (Jones), Sarah (Smith)

James Bell D. 1814 Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., Pa. Issue: Robert, Andrew, John, Hamilton, Esther (Thompson), Jean

Also in Westmoreland Co. - Robert and Jane (Minor) Bell; William Bell who went to Butler Co.

And in Washington Co. - Robert Bell D. Mores Twp. 1825; James Bell D. Morgan Twp. 1791, a native of Va.

Many Bells migrated to Kentucky after the Revolution; there was other migration to the south and west.

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Chapter IX

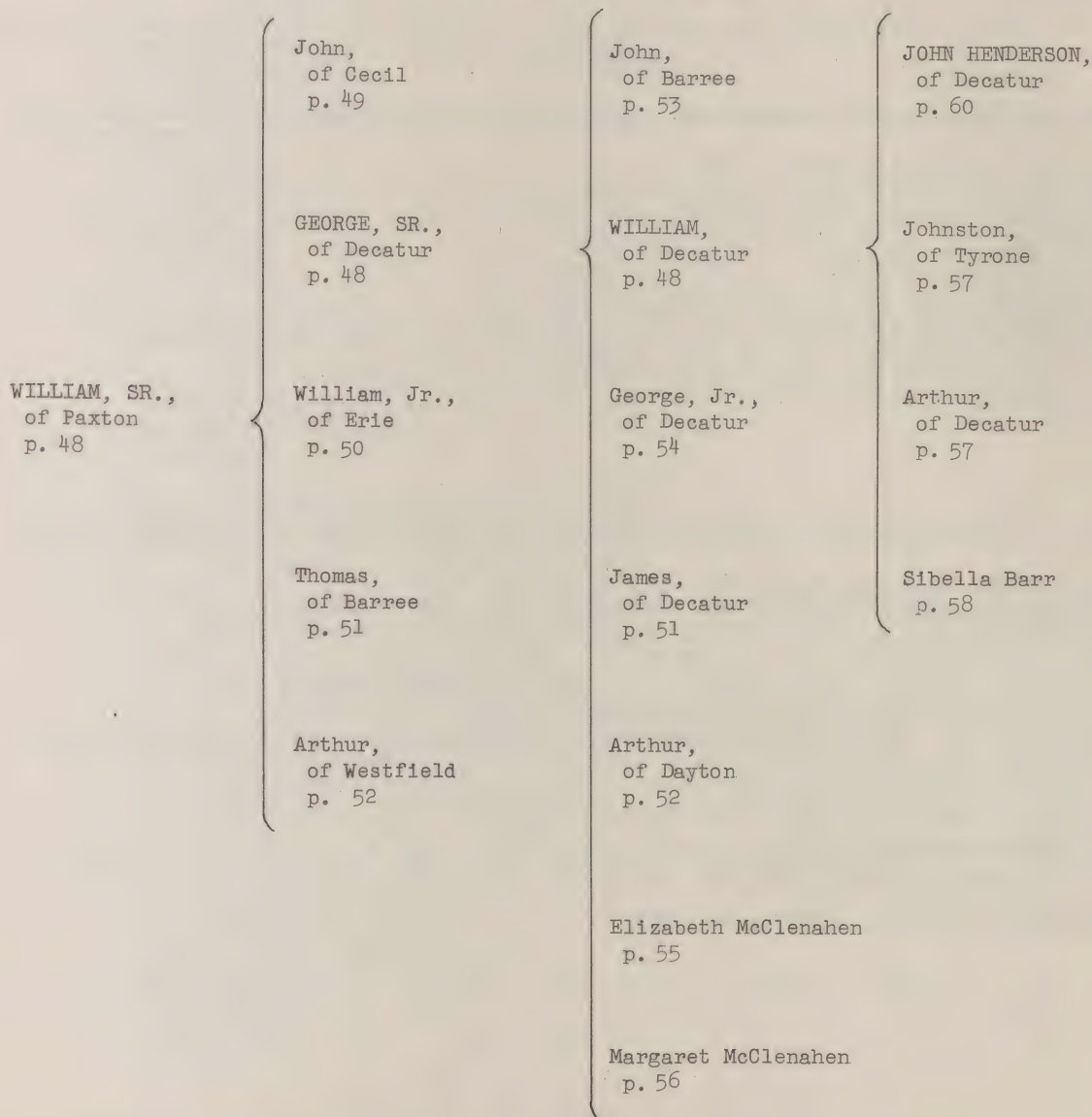
THE FIRST FOUR GENERATIONS

The descendants of William Bell, Sr. of Paxton today number in the thousands. Space does not permit the listing of all branches in this history of the John Henderson Bell family. Consequently, the first four generations only are listed. The records of many branches are incomplete, but they are published here to help members of these branches, who may wish to connect their families with William Bell, Sr. of Paxton.

In this chapter record is given of 770 descendants of William Bell, Sr. The author

will be glad to furnish additional information on any particular branch upon request. Several lines have not been located because of westward migration. These are: Andrew, born about 1755, son of William, Sr.; William, born 1763, son of John, of Cecil; William, born 1800, son of William, of Decatur; George, born about 1801, son of Thomas, of Barree; George R., born about 1808, son of Arthur, of Dayton.

The chart below gives the various branches:



Family of

WILLIAM BELL - Farmer; Paxton Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa. B.c. 1705 D. Oct. 29-1783 M.c. 1731 JANE (?)
(LEA ?)

1. John Bell (p. 49) B. 1732 D. Aug. 1810
2. George Bell (see below) B.c. 1734 D. Mar. 1816
3. Jean Bell B.c. 1736
4. Sarah Bell B.c. 1738
5. Mary Bell B.c. 1741
6. William Bell, Jr. (p. 50) B. 1743 D. Dec. 11-1813
7. Dorcas Bell B.c. 1746
8. Thomas Bell (p. 51) B.c. 1748 D.c. 1814
9. Margaret Bell B.c. 1750
10. Arthur Bell (p. 52) B. Jan. 11-1753 D. Aug. 6-1834
11. Andrew Bell B.c. 1755 D. May 20-1822 (?) Washington Co., Pa. (?) M. June 1789 (?)
Elizabeth (?) Issue: (?) Maria, Jane, Mary, Andrew, Walter, Nancy

Family of

GEORGE BELL (see above) Farmer; Decatur Twp., Mifflin Co., Pa. B.c. 1734 D. Mar. 1816 M.c. 1756
(MARY BELL)

1. John Bell (p. 53) B.c. 1757 D. 1833
2. Jane Bell B.c. 1759
3. William Bell (see below) B.c. 1762 D. Sept. 1827
4. George Bell, Jr. (p. 54) B.c. 1764 D.c. 1840
5. Mary Bell (never married) B.c. 1766 D.c. 1835
6. Elizabeth Bell (p. 55) B. 1769 D. Oct. 25-1845
7. Sarah Bell (never married) B.c. 1771 D.c. 1845
8. James Bell (p. 51) B.c. 1773 D. Sept. 23-1815
9. Arthur Bell (p. 52) B.c. 1775 D. 1851
10. Margaret Bell (p. 56) B. Dec. 1777 D. Feb. 1850

Family of

WILLIAM BELL (see above) Farmer; Decatur Twp. B.c. 1762 D. Sept. 1827 M. 1790 MARGARET McCARTNEY
(D. 1842-43)

1. John Henderson Bell (p. 60) B. Nov. 13-1791 D. June 8-1838
2. George Bell (never married) B. June 11-1793 D. Feb. 11-1871, at Tyrone, Pa.
3. James Bell B. 1795 D. Nov. 2-1813 in War of 1812 at Sackets Harbor, N. Y.
4. Sibella Bell (p. 58) B. Dec. 12-1797 D. Dec. 19-1845
5. William Bell, Jr. B. 1800 M. Martha J. --- Left Huntingdon Co. 1839
6. Johnston Bell (p. 57) B. July 12-1802 D. Feb. 10-1871
7. Margaret Bell B. 1804 D. Apr. 12-1858 M. 1829 Alexander Glass - Blacksmith B. 1802 Went
a. Robert Glass B. 1831 (to Ripley, Ohio 1840)
b. Margaret Glass B. 1833
c. Sibella Glass B. 1835
d. Elizabeth Glass B. 1837
e. William A. Glass B. 1843
f. Adaline Glass B. 1846
8. Arthur Bell (p. 57) B. 1807 D. Dec. 1837

Family of

JOHN BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Cecil Twp., Washington Co., Pa. B. 1732 D. Aug. 1810 M.c. 1762 ELIZA-
(BETH BOYD B. 1735 D.c. 1800

1. Robert Bell - Washington Co., Pa. B. 1763 D. Oct. 17-1849 M. May 29-1788 Rachel Espy B.
(Jan 1-1771 D. Jan. 13-1855
 - a. John Bell B. July 31-1789 D. Nov. 1830 M. Nancy Porter
 - b. Thomas Bell B.c. 1792 D. 1865 M. Agnes Scott
 - c. Elizabeth Bell B.c. 1795 D. Jan. 26-1867 M. Benjamin Coe
 - d. William Bell B. 1799 D. May 5-1872 M. ----Porter and Jane Caldwell
 - e. Robert Bell B. Feb. 15-1801 D. Dec. 11 - 1890 M. Susannah Tidball
 - f. James E. Bell B. Jan. 12-1804, died in Illinois M. Sarah Reasoner
 - g. Ann Bell B. Jan. 1807 D. Dec. 1-1889 M. William Barr
2. William Bell B. 1763, M. Sept. 15-1796 Elizabeth Stephenson B. 1775 living in Washington County, 1810, no further record
3. Jane Bell B. 1765 D. Feb. 7-1836 M.c. 1800 John Ralston - Washington Co., Pa.
 - a. Elizabeth Ralston B. 1802 D. Aug. 30-1863
 - b. John Ralston
4. Joseph Bell - Columbiana Co., Ohio B. 1770 D.c. 1840 M. Apr. 30-1795 Elizabeth Sharp
 - a. John Bell
 - b. Mary Bell
 - c. Robert Bell B. May 5-1801 D. Sept. 26-1870 M. Jane Tornes
 - d. James Bell
 - e. Keziah Bell
 - f. Joseph Bell
5. George Bell - Washington Co., Pa. B. 1772 D. Apr. 14-1833 M. Apr. 26-1810 Mary Williston
 - a. Mary Bell B.c. 1811 M. ----Little (B. 1784 D. Apr. 10-1816)
6. John Bell, Jr. - Washington Co., Pa. B. 1774 D. Oct. 7-1855 M.c. 1807 Mary Hall B. 1786
(D. Sept. 2-1874
 - a. Elizabeth Bell M. ---- Porter
 - b. Jane Bell M. ----Price
 - c. Hannah Bell
 - d. John Bell
 - e. George Bell (never married) D. Oct. 1865
 - f. Aaron Bell B. Oct. 1818 D. Oct. 20-1890
 - g. William M. Bell B. 1823 M. Roxanna Smith
7. Thomas Bell - Allegheny Co., Pa. B. 1775 D. Apr. 25-1825 M. 1802 Mary McAllister B. Aug. 4
(1786 D. May 2-1834
 - a. John B. Bell B. 1804 M. Mary McFarland
 - b. Elizabeth Bell M. John McCullough
 - c. Sarah Bell M. James Marshall
 - d. William McAllister Bell B. 1813 D. 1893 M. Elizabeth Stuart McFadden
 - e. Thompson Bell (never married) B. 1815 D. Sept. 8-1886
 - f. Robert Boyd Bell (never married) B. 1817 D. Aug. 5-1870
 - g. Thomas Sharon Bell (never married) B. 1820 D. 1856
 - h. Mary Jane Bell B. 1824 D. 1889 M. Archibald Marshall
8. Catherine Bell B. 1777 M. Oct. 21-1800 John McCune - Allegheny Co., Pa. B. 1775 D. 1836
 - a. John Bell McCune B. 1804 D. Nov. 17-1875 M. Mary Wilson and Mary Weddle
 - b. William McCune M. Julia Flinn
 - c. James McCune, died young
 - d. Samuel McCune M. Martha Squibb
 - e. Thomas McCune B. Nov. 18-1813 D. Mar. 8-1884 M. Sarah J. Speers
 - f. Robert McCune, died young
 - g. George McCune B. Apr. 4-1816 D. Oct. 30-1894
 - h. Elizabeth McCune M. ----Lyle
 - i. Jane McCune M. ----Dunbar
9. Andrew Bell-Muskingum Co., Ohio B.c. 1780 M. Ann Officer (?)
 - a. Robert Bell and other children

Family of

WILLIAM BELL, JR. (P. 48) Judge; Erie, Pa. B. 1743 D. Dec. 11-1813 M.c. 1783 DORCAS FORSTER B. 1764
(D. Apr. 10-1826)

1. Catherine Bell B.c. 1784 M. William McDonald
2. Lucinda Bell B.c. 1786 D. Apr. 30-1858 M. Jonathan Baird
3. Jane Bell B. 1788 D. June 17-1832 M. Samuel Hays B. 1784 D. 1850
 - a. Jane Hays B. 1814 D. 1899 M. George Kellogg and Samuel A. Torbitt
 - b. William Bell Hays B. June 6-1816 D. Oct. 1900 M. Caroline A. Kellogg
 - c. John W. Hays D. 1897
 - d. Catherine Hays M. Samuel A. Law
 - e. Maria Hays M. John A. Law
4. John Bell B.c. 1791 M. Matilda Reed
 - a. William E. Bell
 - b. Edwin M. Bell
5. Nancy Bell B.c. 1794
6. Elizabeth Bell B. Aug. 17-1797 D. Dec. 21-1874 M. Feb. 9-1817 James Tewksbury B. 1782
(D. Aug. 31-1843)
 - a. Elizabeth Bell Tewksbury B. 1821 D. Mar. 7-1876 M. John Williams
 - b. Mary Paine Tewksbury
 - c. Juliet Forster Tewksbury M. Rockhill Robeson
 - d. James Devereux Tewksbury B. 1825 D. Oct. 22-1849 M. Helen Reed
 - e. Josephine Tewksbury M. Stephen D. Law
7. Sarah Bell B.c. 1800 D. Mar. 6-1840 M. Robert Heron
 - a. Augustus Heron
 - b. Alexander Heron
 - c. Gordon Heron
 - d. Harry Heron
 - e. Rockwell Heron
 - f. Mary Ann Heron
 - g. (dau.) Heron
8. Juliet Montgomery Bell B. Oct. 12-1802 D. Feb. 4-1866 M. 1821 Thomas Forster B. Sept. 13
(1796 D. 1864)
 - a. John Harris Forster B. May 27-1822
 - b. Edwin Sumner Forster M. Mary Hays
 - c. William T. Forster
 - d. Sarah Pettit Forster
 - e. Anna M. Forster
 - f. Theodore M. Forster
9. William Bell, III (never married) B.c. 1805
10. Maria Dorcas Bell B. Oct. 10-1810 D. July 30-1881 M. Peter King Rockwell B. 1800 D. 1886
 - a. Lucretia Dorcas Rockwell B. Nov. 23-1830 D. Nov. 18-1912 M. Phelps Chamberlain
 - b. Jane Rockwell B. Jan. 1832, died young
 - c. William Russell Rockwell (never married) B. Oct. 4-1834 D. Feb. 1891
 - d. Elizabeth Tewksbury Rockwell B. Dec. 23-1837 D. Mar. 14-1915 M. Henry Clay Hooker
 - e. Juliett Maria Rockwell B. July 9-1840 D. Nov. 11-1911 M. 1861 Thomas Carr Nugent
 - f. George Harris Rockwell B. Oct. 1-1841
 - g. Sarah Forster Rockwell B. Dec. 29-1843 M. 1863 James A. Corey
 - h. Mary Eliza Rockwell B. Sept. 1-1847 M. Charles P. Hoag
 - i. Anna Bell Rockwell B. Dec. 3-1852 D. Jan. 13-1928 M. Hugh L. Hinds, Hugh M. Hinds
(and Horace G. Miller)

Family of

THOMAS BELL (P. 48) Carpenter; Barree Twp., Huntingdon Co., Pa. B.c. 1748 D.c. 1814 M.c. 1800----

1. George Bell B.c. 1801 - Galesburg, Illinois
2. William D. Bell B. June 2-1804 D. Oct. 14-1865 M. Apr. 10-1828 Jane McCullough
 - a. Thomas Bell
 - b. James Bell M. Mame-----
 - c. George Bell B.c. 1844 D.c. 1932
 - d. Sara Bell (never married)
 - e. Rachel Bell (never married)
 - f. Elizabeth Bell B.c. 1847 D.c. 1932 M. David Crain
3. Sarah Bell B. 1808 D. 1841 M. 1824 William Simpson Morrison
 - a. Thomas Morrison
 - b. Hugh Morrison
 - c. James Morrison
 - d. Mary Jane Morrison B. 1833 D. 1909 M. 1854 James Grammond Allport
 - e. Sarah Ann Morrison B. 1838 D. 1892 M. Thomas James and Oliver Conklin
 - f. Margaret H. Morrison M. A. J. Graham

Family of

JAMES BELL (P. 48) Tailor; Decatur Twp., B.c. 1773 D. Sept. 23 - 1815 M. 1795 ELIZABETH CARSON
(B. 1773 D. Mar. 29-1855)

1. Catherine Bell B. May 6-1796 D. Sept. 14-1845 M. Jan. 22-1822 Thompson Burdge-School teacher Franklin Twp., Huntingdon Co., Pa. B. Aug. 8-1795 D. Nov. 4-1842 (no issue)
2. Mary Bell B. June 2-1798 D.c. 1820 M. William Hough B. 1780 (no issue)
3. Margaret Bell B. Jan. 28-1801 D. Apr. 29-1873 M. Mar. 4-1825 Robert Dorman-Gunsmith; Decatur Twp. B. 1799 D. Apr. 28-1873
 - a. James Bell Dorman B. Oct. 11-1825 D. Aug. 1882 M. Mary Lucinda Dorman
 - b. Cyrus Dorman B. 1828 D. Feb. 28-1865 M. Elzie Black
 - c. Elizabeth Dorman B. Nov. 24-1830 D. Nov. 8-1909 M. Thomas Hockenberry
 - d. Mary Glass Dorman B. 1833 D. 1908 M. Henry Daubert
 - e. Catherine Dorman B. 1835 D. Dec. 24-1894 M. Andrew Clark McClenahan and George Kearns
 - f. Sarah Lucinda Dorman B. 1837 D. Dec. 25-1878 M. John Robert Bell
 - g. Thompson Burdge Dorman B. 1840 D. 1906 M. Jane Dearment
4. George Thompson Bell - Farmer; Bement, Illinois B. Mar. 16-1803 D. Mar. 13-1880 M. Oct. 15-1829 Sarah Sample B. July 6-1809 D. Dec. 6-1897
 - a. John Davis Bell B. Sept. 3-1830 D. Feb. 16-1912 M. Margaret Campbell Oliver
 - b. Mary Jane Bell B. Jan. 6-1834 D. Dec. 6-1876 M. Jacob Muthersbaugh
5. Jane Bell B. April 17-1806 D. Sept. 26-1890 M. Oct. 21-1822 Jonathan Stayner-Cooper; Edgar, Nebraska B. Mar. 6-1796 D. June 18-1868
 - a. Elizabeth Stayner (never married) B. Aug. 18-1823 D. Sept. 27-1856
 - b. Sarah Jane Stayner (never married) B. Apr. 20-1825 D. Jan. 19-1890
 - c. Washington Stayner B. Feb. 22-1827 D. Jan. 9-1892 M. Maria Gaut
 - d. Stephen Stayner B. Feb. 29-1832 D. Aug. 18-1834
 - e. Cyrus Stayner B. Nov. 26-1836 D. Dec. 16-1922 M. Sarah Scriven
 - f. John V. Stayner B. Dec. 30-1845 D. Apr. 10-1921 M. Sarah E. Towbine and Emma Lucy (Larkin)
6. John Davis Bell-Carpenter; Tyrone, Pa. B. Oct. 31-1808 D. Aug. 13-1859 M. Dec. 22-1831 Hannah Jones B. Apr. 20-1811 D. Jan. 23-1850
 - a. Benjamin Jones Bell B. Feb. 25-1833 D. May 6-1928 M. Lucretia Frances Barrick
 - b. James C. Bell (never married) B. Mar. 6-1835 D. 1914
 - c. Salina Jane Bell B. June 3-1838 D. Mar. 17-1902 M. John Wesley Thomas
 - d. Oliver H. Bell B. May 16-1842 D. May 7-1843
 - e. Hannah Maria Bell B. Oct. 26-1845 D. Oct. 11-1926 M. Charles Heverly

Family of

ARTHUR BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Westfield, New York B. Jan. 11-1753 D. Aug. 6-1834 M.c. 1785 ELEANOR MONTGOMERY B. Sept. 2-1768

1. William Bell B. Oct. 14-1791 D. Aug. 23-1872 M. July 16-1819 Nancy Shipboy D. Jan. 31-1842
 - a. Eleanor Bell B.c. 1820 D.c. 1846
 - b. Mary Bell B.c. 1822 M. James Johnston
 - c. John Bell (never married) B.c. 1824
 - d. Clarissa Bell B.c. 1826 M. Gilbert T. Elliott
 - e. William Bell B. Apr. 5-1828 D. July 9-1890 M. Caroline Mann and Mary Meyers
 - f. Joseph Bell B.c. 1830
 - g. Nancy Bell (never married) B.c. 1832
 - h. Alexander Bell B. Nov. 5-1833 D. Mar. 16-1914 M. Rachel Wallace
 - i. Arthur Bell B.c. 1835 D.c. 1836
 - j. Arthur Bell B.c. 1837 D.c. 1838
 - k. Sarah Bell (never married) B.c. 1839
 - l. Eugenia Bell B.c. 1841 D.c. 1842

Family of

ARTHUR BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Dayton, Ohio B.c. 1775 D. 1851 M.c. 1800 SARAH CARSON

1. Agnes Bell M. Thomas J. McDowell
2. John Carson Bell, died before 1851
 - a. Sarah Carson Bell M. William Alexander Carson
3. Jacob Bell, died before 1851

Issue: William H., Sarah S., Elizabeth C., and Mary Bell
4. George R. Bell - Wayne Co., Ind. M. Jane Kearns
5. Elizabeth C. Bell M. -----Johnston
6. Arthur Foster Bell
 - a. Nettie Bell D. 1903 M. -----Wagner
 - b. Mary Bell
 - and other children
7. James Bell - Farmer; Huntingdon Co., Pa. B. Dec. 12-1814 D. Apr. 14-1881 M. 1836 Priscilla Johnston B. May 23-1817 D. Apr. 5-1862
 - a. Sarah Jane Bell B. Aug. 7-1837 D. Oct. 21-1841
 - b. William Carson Bell B. Oct. 11-1840 D. May 9-1905 M. Nancy M. Cole
 - c. Mary Elizabeth Bell B. Sept. 20-1843 D. Aug. 28-1894 M. W. R. Ferguson
 - d. Alexander Benton Bell B. June 25-1847 D. 1912
 - e. Eliza Ann Bell B. Nov. 14-1850 D. Mar. 14-1911 M. James A. Price
 - f. Emma Jane Bell B. Nov. 10-1853 D. Nov. 18-1857
 - g. Nancy Priscilla Bell B. Nov. 20-1856 M. George W. Letterman
- James Bell M. (2) Anna Jane Evans B. July 11-1839 D. Oct. 10-1923
 - h. Catherine S. Bell M. -----Welker
 - i. Emma Amelia Bell B. Mar. 23-1868 M. James Lawrence Krepps
 - j. Nettie May Bell B. May 23-1870 M. Jerry H. Wines
 - k. Ada M. Bell B. Mar. 25-1872 D. Dec. 18-1937 M. Harry A. Wagner
 - l. Dorothy E. Bell B. Sept. 18-1875 M. William Holliday
 - m. Effie R. Bell B. Feb. 19-1877 M. Joseph H. Ryan
 - n. Maud B. Bell M. -----Lauris

Family of

JOHN BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Barree Twp., Huntingdon Co., Pa. B.c. 1757 D. 1833 M.c. 1782 ANN DRUMMOND

1. George W. Bell - Barree Twp. B. Dec. 31-1782 D. Apr. 22-1864 M.c. 1819 Margaret McMahon
 - a. Margaret Drummond Bell M. George Scott (B. 1799 D. Aug. 13-1844)
 - b. Eleanor Bell B. Nov. 30-1820 D. Feb. 27-1848 M. Levi Port
 - c. Sarah Bell (never married)
 - d. Lucinda Bell (never married)
 - e. Ann Bell B. 1829 M. Alexander McMurtrie
 - f. Elizabeth Bell B. 1830 M. Reuben Massey
 - g. John H. Bell B. 1832 M. Marietta Yocum
 - h. Amelia Bell (never married)
 - i. George Washington Bell M. Martha Livingstone
2. Alexander Bell - Barree Twp. B. May 24-1784 D. Aug. 22-1864 M. 1805 Elizabeth Moore B. Apr.
 - a. John Bell B. Oct. 24-1806 D. Aug. 1877 M. Eleanor Carson (30-1788 D. Oct. 8-1875)
 - b. Robert Bell B. Oct. 22-1808 D. Jan. 26-1850 M. Rachel Copenhagen
 - c. George Bell B. Feb. 7-1811 D. Aug. 18-1872 M. Margaret Anderson
 - d. William Bell B. Apr. 8-1813 D. Apr. 18-1866 M. -----Myers
 - e. Jane Bell B. Sept. 1-1815 D. June 17-1864 M. David Jackson and James McManigal
 - f. Thomas Bell B. Nov. 30-1817 D. May 4-1894 M. Mary Ann Stewart
 - g. James A. Bell B. July 5-1820 D. Mar. 18-1870 M. Rebecca C. Lemmon and-----McCracken
 - h. Margaret Bell B. Dec. 13-1822 D. Feb. 11-1873 M. Franklin Wingate
 - i. Joseph J. Bell B. Apr. 26-1825, died Shasta Co., Cal.
 - j. Rebecca C. Bell B. Sept. 26-1827 D. 1890
 - k. Elizabeth M. Bell B. Feb. 23-1830 D. 1878 M. Elijah Gillam
3. William Bell B. 1789 Went to Indiana M.c. 1816 Elizabeth Henry B. 1796
 - a. John D. Bell (never married) B. Aug. 16-1825 D. May 25-1853
 - b. Ann Eliza Bell M. John Barr
 - c. Mary Martha Bell B. 1835 M. Adolphus Thompson
4. John Bell, Jr. (never married) B.c. 1791 D.c. 1816
5. Thomas Bell (twin) - Barree Twp. B. 1795 D. Aug. 9-1833 M. (1) c. 1822 Elizabeth Wilson
 - a. Elizabeth Bell B. Oct. 5-1823 D. Sept. 3-1891 M. George Scott (D.c. 1828)
 - b. Margaret Bell B. Feb. 3-1824 D. May 11-1866 M. James Watson
 Thomas Bell M. (2) c. 1831 Margaret Ewing B. Dec. 6-1796 D. Dec. 26-1875
 - c. William Bell B. Mar. 29-1832 D. June 19-1907 M. Anna Mary Hutchison
 - d. Jane Bell B. July 16-1834 D. Sept. 17-1883 M. James McManigal
6. Arthur Bell (twin) B. 1795, died young
7. Ann Bell B. Dec. 2-1796 D. Nov. 2-1872 M.c. 1815 John McMahon B. Aug. 17-1794 D. Sept. 13-
 - (1884 Barree Twp.)
 - a. Benjamin McMahon B. Dec. 1-1818 D. Sept. 5-1894 M. Catherine Warfield
 - b. Marshall McMahon B. 1820 M. Margaret Harris
 - c. George W. McMahon B. 1822 M. Rebecca McManigal
 - d. Margaret McMahon B. 1825 M. Jonathan Johnston
 - e. James McMahon B. 1827 D. 1860 M. Lucretia -----
 - f. Jackson McMahon B. July 18-1829 D. June 1-1891 M. Amanda Hutchinson
 - g. Mary McMahon M. Robert Wilson
 - h. Sarah E. McMahon M. David Little
 - i. John McMahon, died at the age of 10

Family of

GEORGE BELL, JR. (P. 48) Farmer; Decatur Twp. B.c. 1764 D.c. 1840 M.c. 1789 ELEANOR McCLENAHEN

1. John Bell - Farmer; Decatur Twp. B.c. 1790 D.c. 1816 M.c. 1812 Nancy Carson B. May 1789
(D. Feb. 1852)
 - a. George Bell B. Nov. 9-1813 D. Mar. 27-1852 M. Margaret Borland
 - b. Mary Bell B. 1816 D. 1863 M. Jonathan Hough
2. Mary Bell B. Oct. 29-1792 D. Mar. 12-1874 Lake City, Minn. M. May 13-1813 Jacob Carson
 - a. Eleanor Carson B. Apr. 14-1814 M. John Bell (B. Oct. 15-1791 D. Nov. 26-1850)
 - b. Elizabeth Carson B. July 25-1816 M. John Maben
 - c. John Bell Carson B. Jan. 15-1819 M. Martha Carson
 - d. George Washington Carson B. Feb. 1-1820 D. Jan. 8-1832
 - e. James M. Carson B. Nov. 26-1822 D. 1903 M. Rebecca M. Rusler
 - f. William Alexander Carson B. June 30-1826 M. Sarah Carson Bell
 - g. Andrew Jackson Carson B. Sept. 25-1828 D. Nov. 10-1829
 - h. Mary Margaret Carson B. Dec. 15-1830 D. Sept. 26-1901 M. Davis H. Bell
 - i. Sarah Jane Carson B. May 2-1833 D. Feb. 8-1906 M. James Greer and Silas Hazlett
 - j. Nancy Ann Carson B. Mar. 8-1837 (twin) D. Nov. 20-1860 M. Robert Romick
 - k. Jacob Harvey Carson B. Mar. 8-1837 (twin) M. Amelia Potts
 - l. Luther Calvin Carson B. Oct. 14-1839 M. Mary Cupples
3. George Bell, III - Farmer; Lake City, Minn. B. 1794 D. July 29-1867 M. Rosanna Mitchell
 - a. William Mitchell Bell B. July 10-1826 D. Jan. 7-1852 (B. 1796)
 - b. Rosanna Bell, died young
 - c. James M. Bell B. Mar. 7-1830 D. Feb. 13-1850
 - d. Nancy Jane Bell B. May 6-1834 D. Mar. 16-1906 M. Charles J. Collins
 - e. Robert C. Bell B. 1836 D. Mar. 14-1862
 - f. Samuel H. Bell B. 1838 D. 1907 M. Anna Porter
 - g. Sarah Bell B. Feb. 13-1843 D. Sept. 15-1867 M. William W. Amsbry
4. Eleanor Bell B. Apr. 22-1795 D. Sept. 4-1858 M. Benjamin Scott - Tailor; Decatur Twp.
 - a. Margaret Scott, died young (B. Mar. 17-1784 D. Mar. 20-1862)
 - b. Jane Ellen Scott B. Nov. 14-1823 D. Jan. 31-1899 M. John Barr
 - c. John Scott B. 1825 M. Mary M. -----
 - d. William C. Scott B. 1827
 - e. Benjamin Scott (never married)
 - f. Rachel Scott B. Sept. 3-1834 D. May 25-1904 M. Ephraim Morrison
 - g. George Scott B. 1836
 - h. Alexander D. Scott
5. Elizabeth Bell B.c. 1802 D.c. 1840. Issue: Davis H. Bell B. Feb. 2-1826 D. Dec. 14-1899
6. James Johnston Bell - Distiller; Armagh Twp., Mifflin Co., Pa. B. Feb. 15-1805 D. July 1-1875 M. June 22-1837 Matilda McClenahen B. Jan. 14-1814 D. July 29-1864 (see p. 56)
 - a. Charles M. Bell B. Feb. 15-1838 D. Feb. 22-1877 M. Jane Brown McClenahen
 - b. Amanda E. Bell B. Feb. 12-1840 D. Dec. 18-1854
 - c. Luther J. Bell B. Mar. 2-1842 D. Mar. 17-1842
 - d. Anna M. Bell B. June 10-1843 D. Dec. 13-1904 M. Albert G. Hile
 - e. Elizabeth E. Bell B. May 25-1847 D. Aug. 6-1848
 - f. William J. Bell (never married) B. Nov. 3-1850 D. 1922
 - g. Robert B. Bell B. May 29-1856 D. Sept. 18-1856
7. William Bell - Squire; Armagh Twp. B. June 28-1807 D. July 30-1864 M. Feb. 15-1832 Mary Longwell B. Apr. 3-1815 D. Jan. 8-1846 M. (2) Feb. 17-1847 Ann Burns Bell (see p. 57)
 - a. James Carson Bell B. Dec. 11-1832 D. Feb. 6-1833
 - b. Eleanor McClenahen Bell B. Nov. 7-1834 M. Joseph Lepley
 - c. John Robert Bell B. Aug. 28-1836 D. June 19-1926 M. Sarah Lucinda Dorman and Anna A.
 - d. Elizabeth C. Bell B. Aug. 30-1838 D. Feb. 3-1917 M. William A. Reed (Marlin)
 - e. Sarah Ann Bell B. Feb. 1841 D. June 3-1887 M. William Hancock
 - f. Enoch Eldridge Bell B. Oct. 31-1843 D. Aug. 27-1861
 - g. Mary G. Bell B. Dec. 29-1845 D. Oct. 14-1881 M. -----Alter

8. Sarah Bell B.c. 1810 D.c. 1840 M. Adam Ramsey
Issue: George, Charles, James, and Sarah Ramsey
9. Charles McClenahen Bell - Carpenter; Decatur Twp. B. Nov. 9-1813 D. Sept. 4-1879 M. Dec. 26-1839 Matilda Kelly B. Dec. 20-1818 D. Mar. 3-1881
 - a. George Washington Bell B. Mar. 9-1841 D. Feb. 6-1911 M. Ann Gettis
 - b. Susanna Mary Bell B. Aug. 4-1842 D. Jan. 8-1907 M. David W. Orr
 - c. Eleanor McClenahen Bell B. Oct. 20-1844 D. 1929 M. Oliver M. Stewart
 - d. Rebecca Ann Bell B. Oct. 13-1846 D. July 18-1863
 - e. James Andrew Clark Bell B. Nov. 8-1849 D. 1893 M. Sydney Shahan
 - f. John Kelley Bell B. Apr. 1-1853 D. Oct. 21-1926 M. Sarah Margaret McClellan
 - g. Laura Amanda Bell B. Apr. 2-1855 D. Oct. 11-1935 M. Hiram H. Herbster
 - h. Charlotta Jane Bell B. Nov. 20-1859 D. Aug. 17-1940 M. Henry I. Steininger

Family of

- ELIZABETH BELL (P. 48) B. 1769 D. Oct. 25-1845 M. Feb. 1-1791 CHARLES McCLENAHEN - Farmer; Decatur
(Twp. B. Aug. 1760 D. Feb. 26-1836
1. Eleanor McClenahen B. Oct. 20-1792 D. June 22-1850 M. James Dorman - Tailor; Decatur Twp.
a. Miriam Dorman B. 1842 M. William Kane (B. June 5-1795 D. May 21-1864
 2. Sarah McClenahen B. 1795 D.c. 1865 M. Isaiah Matthews - Farmer near Three Springs, Pa.
a. Isaiah Matthews B. 1827 (B. 1796 D. Apr. 1858
b. William Charles Matthews B. 1831
c. George Matthews B. 1834
d. Eliza E. Matthews B. 1838
e. James Matthews B. 1840, died young
 3. Elizabeth McClenahen B. July 8-1797 D. May 15-1855 M. Alexander Dorman - Farmer; Decatur
Twp. B. Jan. 26-1793 D. June 6-1875
a. Eliza Ellen Dorman B. July 3-1819 D. May 20-1871 M. Glass Dorman Harper
b. Isabella Dorman (never married) B. Sept. 12-1826 D. Mar. 3-1905
c. Mary Elizabeth Dorman B. Mar. 9-1831 D. Feb. 24-1851 M. Thomas Hockenberry
d. Amanda Jane Dorman B. Jan. 2-1839 D. Feb. 7-1853
e. Rebecca Ann Dorman B. Aug. 23-1842 D. May 6-1916 M. Roswell E. Aurand
 4. Mary McClenahen B.c. 1799 D.c. 1850 M. William Glass - Blacksmith; Mifflin Co.
a. William Jackson Glass B. 1816 D. 1851 M. Maria Keister and Nancy Barger
b. Eliza Glass (never married)
 5. John McClenahen - Farmer; Juniata Co. B.c. 1801 D.c. 1849 M. Esther Hockenberry
Issue: Charles; William, died young; Nancy Jane, M. ---Kling; Rebecca Elizabeth,
died aged 18; and Matilda McClenahen
 6. George Bell McClenahen - Blacksmith; Milroy, Pa. B. Oct. 11-1803 D. Feb. 2-1884 M. Mar. 17-1831 Mary Wingate B. Feb. 14-1810 D. May 26-1898
a. Rachel Wingate McClenahen B. Nov. 16-1832 D. May 5-1862 M. Edmund A. Faulkner
b. Elizabeth McClenahen B. Nov. 8-1834 D. Feb. 9-1836
c. Charles Brown McClenahen B. Sept. 6-1837 D. Nov. 26-1894 M. Martha J. Orner and Cather-
(ine F. Coldren
d. Francis Breckenridge McClenahen B. Sept. 29-1840 D. June 9-1911 M. Sarah Agnes McManigal
e. Jane Eliza McClenahen B. Apr. 6-1843 D. Aug. 6-1844
f. Sarah Murphy McClenahen (never married) B. Mar. 14-1846 D. Jan. 5-1939
g. William Howard McClenahen B. June 8-1849 D. Sept. 6-1850
 7. Jane McClenahen B. Dec. 11-1806 D. Oct. 17-1888 M. June 2-1826 David Mitchell - Farmer;
(Mifflin Co. B. Aug 22-1795 D. Mar. 8-1871
a. Charles Mitchell M. Anna Garrity
b. Rosanna Mitchell M. Robert Cunningham and ----Landis
c. Matilda Mitchell M. John Maben
d. Elizabeth M. Mitchell B. 1834, died young
e. Mary Mitchell M. William McCartney
f. Nancy Mitchell B. 1838, died young
g. Rebecca J. Mitchell B. 1840 D. July 29-1890 M. John McClintic
h. Margaret E. Mitchell (never married) B. Dec. 11-1843 D. Sept. 14-1879

8. William McClenahen B. July 24-1810 D. May 10-1834 M. Mary McClenahen (see below)
9. Matilda McClenahen B. Jan. 14-1814 D. July 29-1864 M. James Johnston Bell (see above)

Family of

MARGARET BELL (P. 48) B. Dec. 1777 D. Feb. 1850 M.c. 1794 JOHN McCLENAHEN - Wheelwright; Decatur (Twp. B. 1772 D. 1830

1. George Bell McClenahen B.c. 1795 D.c. 1795
2. Elizabeth McClenahen B.c. 1796 D.c. 1798
3. John McClenahen - Farmer; Mifflin Co. B.c. 1798 D. Sept. 1836 M. Mary Gill
 - a. John McClenahen D. Oct. 20-1847 at Perote, Mexico
 - b. Maxwell McClenahen D. Apr. 1848
 - c. James McClenahen, died in youth
4. William McClenahen B.c. 1800 D.c. 1819
5. James McClenahen - Wheelwright; Mifflin Co. B.c. 1801 D.c. 1828 M. Nov. 29-1827 Agnes [(Nancy) Wingate B. Feb. 8-1808 D. Sept. 24-1868]
 - a. Minerva McClenahen B. 1828 M. Thomas Young
6. Robert McClenahen B.c. 1803 D.c. 1821
7. Charles McClenahen - Farmer; Mifflin Co. B.c. 1805 D. May 1849 M. 1831 Agnes Wingate McClenahen (see above)
 - a. Hiram McClenahen B. Apr. 8-1832 D. Mar. 20-1875 M. Nancy McNitt
 - b. William Bell McClenahen B. 1834 D. 1906
 - c. Louise McClenahen B. 1836, died young
 - d. Jane Brown McClenahen B. 1838 M. Charles M. Bell
 - e. Andrew Clark McClenahen B. Feb. 20-1840 D. Aug. 26-1860
 - f. Mary Hannah McClenahen B. 1842 M. William Charles McClenahen
 - g. Samuel Wingate McClenahen B. 1844 M. Elizabeth Laird
 - h. John Ambrose McClenahen B. Feb. 5-1846 D. May 1-1901 M. Annie Greer
 - i. Jesse Crawford McClenahen B. 1848, died in youth
8. George McClenahen - Farmer; Mifflin Co. B. 1807 D. July 12-1848 M. Juliann Hassinger B. 1818 Issue: James H.; William A., B. 1842; Margaret, B. 1845; Andrew C., B. 1848; all McClenahen
9. Mary McClenahen B. Jan. 31-1809 D. Apr. 16-1848 M. Sept. 6-1831 William McClenahen-- Farmer Mifflin Co. B. July 24-1810 D. May 10-1834 (see p. 56)
 - a. Sarah Jane McClenahen B. 1832, died young
 - b. William Charles McClenahen B. May 22-1834 D. Jan. 22-1896 M. Mary Hannah McClenahen

Mary McClenahen M. (2) 1837 George Ruble B. July 27-1811 D. Jan. 2-1864

 - c. Jacob Ruble B. 1838 D. Oct. 14-1915
 - d. Margaret Ruble B. 1840 D. Jan. 30-1925 M. Benjamin A. Jeffers
 - e. John C. Ruble B. Dec. 17-1842 D. 1932
 - f. George Ruble B. 1845 D. 1934 M. Corinda Fulton
 - g. Mary Ruble B. July 7-1847 D. Jan. 6-1848
10. Maxwell McClenahen B.c. 1811 D.c. 1828
11. Jane McClenahen B. July 2-1813 D. May 20-1872 M. May 1-1851 James Dorman - Tailor; Decatur Twp. B. June 5-1795 D. May 21-1864
 - a. Mary Margaret Dorman (never married) B. Apr. 3-1852 D. Mar. 18-1936
 - b. James Alexander Dorman B. July 2-1855 D. Jan. 30-1920 M. Elizabeth N. Albright
12. Andrew Clark McClenahen - Carpenter; Decatur Twp. B. 1815 D. May 11-1867 M. 1839 Sarah Harper B. June 7-1819 D. Aug. 18-1850
 - a. Robert G. McClenahen B. 1840
 - b. James L. McClenahen B. 1842 M. Mary Bross
 - c. Elmira McClenahen B. 1845 M. Alfred Durst
 - d. John McClenahen, died young

Andrew Clark McClenahen M. (2) 1852 Catherine Dorman B. 1835 D. Dec. 24-1894 (see p. 51)

 - e. Emma Elizabeth McClenahen B. 1853 D. Sept. 20-1924 M. James Calvin Dorman
 - f. Mary Ellen McClenahen B. 1855 D. Aug. 27-1929 M. Samuel Roland
 - g. Willa Jane McClenahen B. May 4-1857 D. Dec. 5-1908 M. Moses R. Thompson
 - h. Sarah Margaret Bell McClenahen B. 1860 M. William T. McCafferty
 - i. Andrew Clark McClenahen, Jr. B. Feb. 7-1866 D. Apr. 27-1873

13. Harvey McClenahen - Minister; Freeport, Illinois B. July 10-1817 D. Jan. 15-1870
 M. Feb. 26-1840 Margaret Crissman B. Nov. 26-1819 D. Sept. 12-1891
 - a. Rosabell McClenahen B. Dec. 8-1840 M. ---- Loper
 - b. Frances Marion McClenahen B. Aug. 15-1842 D. Nov. 23-1926 M. Calvin Kistner
 - c. George McClenahen B. Mar. 15-1844 D. Jan. 29-1911
 - d. Margaret McClenahen B. Nov. 2-1845 M. Isaac W. Parkinson
 - e. Milton B. McClenahen B. Nov. 8-1847 D. Sept. 28-1920
 - f. John U. McClenahen B. Sept. 2-1849 D. June 10-1898
 - g. Mary Elizabeth McClenahen B. Nov. 19-1851 D. Jan. 20-1929 M. ---- Brown
 - h. James H. McClenahen B. Nov. 3-1853

Family of

JOHNSTON BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Tyrone, Pa. B. July 12-1802 D. Feb. 10-1871 M. Dec. 7-1827
 MARY ANN SAMPLE B. Dec. 24-1807 D. Oct. 26-1895

1. Rebecca Margaret Bell B. Feb. 3-1829 D. 1851 M. Dec. 20-1847 John William Alexander B.
 (Jan. 1-1822)
 - a. Ira Clark Alexander B. June 20-1850 D. Dec. 12-1857
 - b. William John Alexander B. Aug. 27-1851 D. Dec. 21-1851
2. William Patterson Bell B. Oct. 1-1832 D. Dec. 29-1832
3. Sarah Jane Bell B. Nov. 15-1833 D. July 7-1848
4. Lavina Mary Bell B. Aug. 27-1835 D. Jan. 13-1893 M. Jan. 31-1860 John Edward Jones
 a. Harry Jones
5. Thaddeus Sample Bell B. Mar. 8-1843 D. June 4-1920 M. Feb. 4-1868 Nancy Walker (no issue)
6. Eliza Melissa Bell B. Aug. 18-1848 D. Aug. 6-1914 M. Dec. 24-1867 William Alexander Boal
 (B. Sept. 13-1835)
 - a. Elizabeth Bell Boal B. Apr. 6-1872 M. John Albert Heckman
 - b. George Henry Boal, died young
 - c. Mary Margaret Boal, died young
 - d. Cora Cummins Boal D. 1920
 - e. Martha Orlady Boal B. Mar. 10-1886
 - f. Elsie Roberta Boal B. Nov. 19-1888 M. ----- Auman

Family of

ARTHUR BELL (P. 48) Shoemaker; Decatur Twp. B. 1807 D. Dec. 1837 M. 1834 ANN BURNS B. Jan. 4-1811
 (D. Feb. 14-1886)

1. William James Bell B. Dec. 23-1835 D. Jan. 2-1899 Foundryman; Lewisburg, Pa.
 M. Oct. 25-1860 Margaret Van Ormer B. May 4-1839 D. Jan. 16-1919
 - a. Annie Kezia Bell B. July 25-1861 D. May 2-1925 M. Frank Green Fierstine
2. Mary Matilda Bell (never married) B. May 20-1837 D. June 8-1893

Family of

SIBELLA BELL (P. 48) B. Dec. 12-1797 D. Dec. 19-1845 M. Dec. 28-1820 SAMUEL BARR - Attorney;
Lewistown, Pennsylvania B. 1794 D. Sept. 8-1862

1. Margaret Barr B. June 16-1822 D. May 23-1904 M. Apr. 15-1845 John M. Harper B. July 4-1821
D. July 19-1887 at Tyrone, Pa.
 - a. Samuel G. Harper B. June 15-1846 D. Sept. 20-1884
 - b. Nancy A. Harper B. May 20-1849 D. Apr. 14-1883 M. Charles S. W. Jones
 - c. Sibella V. Harper B. Mar. 2-1851 D. Nov. 25-1853
 - d. Delilah M. Harper (never married) B. July 13-1854 D. Apr. 20-1918
 - e. John William S. Harper B. May 8-1856 D. Jan. 21-1932 M. Laura B. Kays
 - f. Robert H. Harper B. Nov. 20-1858 D. June 2-1861
 - g. Elizabeth J. Harper B. June 2-1861 M. Thomas J. Cutler
 - h. Mary T. Harper B. Nov. 1-1866 M. Joseph A. Atlee
2. John Campbell Barr B. Jan. 4-1824 D. Dec. 14-1895 at Tyrone, Pa. M. May 11-1860 Jane
Hamilton D. 1872 M. (2) May 24-1881 Eliza G. Cresswell B. 1838 D. Apr. 11-1923
 - a. Roberta Clara Barr (never married) B. Apr. 20-1864 D. Aug. 18-1940
 - b. Alfred Hamilton Barr B. Sept. 3-1868 D. Sept. 3-1935 M. Anna E. Wilson
3. William Fleming Barr B. Sept. 16-1825 D. Dec. 11-1903 in Illinois M. Nov. 29-1849 Jane R.
Cunningham B. Feb. 19-1828 D. July 14-1898
 - a. Samuel Thomas Barr B. May 27-1851 D. 1856
 - b. Sarah Elizabeth Barr (never married) B. Feb. 21-1856 D. Aug. 8-1898
 - c. John William Barr B. May 22-1858 D. Mar. 1910
 - d. James McCluney Barr B. Oct. 30-1860 D. Oct. 26-1861
 - e. Robert George Barr B. Aug. 27-1862
 - f. Mary Bell Barr B. Aug. 17-1865 M. ---- Algae (Toluca, Illinois)
 - g. McCluney Radcliffe Barr B. May 7-1868 D. Dec. 6-1927 M. Effie May Case
 - h. Jennie Boal Barr B. May 23-1871 M. W. E. Case
 - i. Emma Janet Barr B. Aug. 3-1873 D. May 10-1903 M. ---- Konkler
4. Thomas Lorenzo Barr B. 1827, went to Indiana M. Rebecca Cryder
 - a. Jennie Barr
 - b. Mary Barr M. ---- Yarder (Devils Lake, North Dakota)
5. James Johnston Barr B. 1828 D. Sept. 29-1871 at Greenville, Ohio M. Sara Ort. Names of five
(children not known.)
6. Jane Barr (never married) B. Aug. 1-1830 D. Oct. 10-1863
7. Elsie Sibella Barr (never married) B. 1832 D. Sept. 18-1886
8. Samuel Wilson Barr B. Apr. 25-1834 D. Aug. 5-1911 at Tyrone, Pa. M. Nov. 28-1867 Mary
Elizabeth Stiver B. Feb. 1-1844 D. Apr. 26-1926
 - a. William Clark Barr B. June 18-1869 M. Bertha Scott Lightner
 - b. Elsie Sibella Barr (never married) B. May 12-1871 D. Dec. 7-1911
 - c. Ralph Stiver Barr B. Oct. 21-1873 D. July 21-1879
9. Tamar Barr B. May 18-1836 D. Jan. 26-1900 M. Feb. 7 - 1856 James C. Boal B. Dec. 27-1826
D. Mar. 27-1895 Centre County, Pa.
 - a. Arthur Boal, died young
 - b. Sara Boal B. Aug. 25-1860 M. ---- Foreman
 - c. Jane Boal B. Nov. 10-1862 M. Lycurgus Lingle
10. Arthur H. Barr B. Jan. 22-1838 D. Jan. 17-1852
11. Robert George Barr (never married) B. Aug. 27-1840 D. July 27-1864 in the Civil War

Chapter X

THE JOHN HENDERSON BELL FAMILY

In this chapter is given the complete record of the descendants of John Henderson and Mary Sigler Bell.

		Married into family
John and Mary	2	
Children	12	10
Grandchildren	46	36
4th. Generation	102	64
5th. Generation	140	67
6th. Generation	100	13
7th. Generation	<u>14</u>	<u>--</u>
	416	190
Total	<u>606</u>	

The first grandchild was Nancy Jane Bell, born 1837. She died in 1839; so that the oldest grandchild to grow to maturity was Mary Ellen Hinds Drake Dicken, born 1838. The youngest grandchild was William Hahn Bell, born 1868. There are seven grandchildren still living. The first great-grandchild born was John P. Drake in 1856; the youngest, James G. Bell, was

born in 1925. The first born of the fifth, sixth, seventh generations are: Henry Drake, born 1885; Loren Drake, born 1909; Juanita Drake, born 1930.

The John Henderson Bell family by branches is:

Generation	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
William S.	2	7	23	41	23	2	98
Thompson G.	3	20	30	34	8	-	95
John M.	2	10	35	35	14	-	96
Hinds	2	11	39	57	57	11	177
Kinsloe	2	11	12	2	-	-	27
Martin	2	6	18	33	11	1	71
Knight	2	1	-	-	-	-	3
Alexander	2	3	1	-	-	-	6
Haller	2	13	8	5	-	-	28
	19	82	166	207	113	14	601

John, Mary and three children
who died young - 5
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The chart below gives the various branches:

John Henderson Bell	William Sigler Bell	{ John Howard Bell p.62 James Clark Bell p.63
	Matilda Bell Hinds	{ Mary Hinds Drake Dicken p. 64 Elmira Hinds McCarthy p. 66 John William Hinds p. 66 Laura Hinds Bates p. 62 Clara Hinds Laird p. 64
	Thompson George Bell	{ Samuel Martin Bell p. 67 John Foster Bell p. 68 James Ellis Bell p. 67 Gruber H. Bell p. 68 George Thompson Bell p. 68 William Hahn Bell p. 60
	Sibella Bell Kinsloe	{ Emma Kinsloe Mann p. 60 Henry Clay Kinsloe p.61
	Sarah Bell Martin	{ Nancy Martin Eskridge p. 69 Joseph Bell Martin p. 69
	John McCartney Bell	{ Margaret Bell Martin p. 70 William Thompson Bell p.70 Henry Haller Bell p. 71 John Vernon Bell p. 71 Davis Bates Bell p. 71
	Adaline Bell Haller	{ John Samuel Haller p.61 Sibella Haller Brell p. 64

Family of

JOHN HENDERSON BELL (P. 48) Farmer; Decatur Twp. B. Nov. 13-1791 D. June 8-1838 M. Aug. 22-1810
 MARY SIGLER, daughter of George, Jr. and Elizabeth (Bunn) Sigler. B. Jan. 6-1792 D. June 19-1857

1. George Bell B. Jan. 31-1812 D. Nov. 23-1814
2. William Sigler Bell - Farmer near Lewistown, Pa. B. July 18-1813 D. Jan. 16-1893 M. 1837
 Keziah Beatty B. Aug. 30-1819 D. Jan. 30-1887, daughter of John and Nancy (Glass) Beatty
 a. Nancy Jane Bell B. Nov. 11-1837 D. Jan. 3-1839
 b. John Howard Bell (p. 62) B. Nov. 1-1839 D. Mar. 24-1884
 c. Mary Hemans Bell (never married) B. Nov. 12-1842 D. June 21-1892
 d. James Clark Bell (p. 63) B. Mar. 13-1847 D. Jan. 23-1928
3. Matilda Elizabeth Bell B. May 17-1815 D. Oct. 28-1884 Lewistown, Pa. M. Dec. 22-1836 Stephen
 Andrew Hinds B. Nov. 30-1812 D. Oct. 31-1867 Mt. Ayr, Iowa, son of Stephen and Mary Ann
 a. Mary Ellen Hinds (p. 64) B. June 23-1838 D. Nov. 28-1921 (Hinds
 b. Sarah Elmira Hinds (p. 66) B. May 20-1841 D. Jan. 24-1920
 c. John William Hinds (p. 66) B. July 7-1844 D. Apr. 1-1914
 d. Laura Matilda Hinds (p. 62) B. Aug. 8-1852 D. Dec. 5-1911
 e. Clara Jane Hinds (p. 64) B. Aug. 21-1855 D. Jan. 26-1913
4. Thompson George Bell - Farmer near Lewistown B. Jan. 12-1817 D. Sept. 28-1889 M. Oct. 7-1841
 Priscilla Martin B. Oct. 11-1817 D. Mar. 21-1851, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Stark)
 a. Samuel Martin Bell (p. 67) B. Aug. 20-1842 D. Feb. 12-1921 (Martin
 b. John Foster Bell (p. 68) B. Oct. 16-1844 D. Mar. 5-1878
 c. James Ellis Bell (p. 67) B. Aug. 4-1846 D. Mar. 21-1932
 d. Edwin Thompson Bell B. May 26-1848 D. Sept. 21-1849
 Thompson George Bell M. (2) June 3-1852 Mary Elizabeth Anderson B. Feb. 27-1829 D. Jan. 3-1907, daughter of Joseph and Jane (McCord) Anderson
 e. Gruber H. Bell (p. 68) B. Mar. 9-1853 D. Jan. 24-1924
 f. Priscilla Mary Bell B. Oct. 5-1854 D. Nov. 20-1915 (no issue) M. Feb. 9-1875 George
 Sylvester Himes B. Aug. 15-1853 D. Apr. 18-1938 (see below)
 g. Jane Ann Bell B. Aug. 28-1856 M. Feb. 22-1881 (no issue) Theodore Martin Beashor
 B. July 26-1858 D. Feb. 1-1937
 h. Sarah Matilda Bell B. Aug. 6-1858 D. Apr. 2-1933 M. June 18-1903 John Edward Berkheimer
 B. June 18-1842 D. July 10-1914 / (no issue)
 i. Carl Edwin Bell B. July 11-1884 D. Feb. 9-1923 M. Apr. 18-1912 Martha Cross Wilcox
 i. George Thompson Bell (p. 68) B. July 2-1860 D. May 3-1930
 j. Laura Houck Bell B. Jan. 16-1866 M. Nov. 25-1920 (no issue) George Sylvester Himes
 k. William Hahn Bell B. July 23-1868 D. Apr. 10-1918 M. Mar. 18-1891 Margaret Ann Dipperry
 B. Sept. 19-1870
 i. Thompson Henry Bell (never married) B. Mar. 9-1892 D. June 24-1924
5. James Foster Bell B. Nov. 14-1818 D. June 3-1821
6. Sibella Margaret Bell B. Nov. 1-1820 D. Dec. 12-1858 M. May 11-1841 Robert Martin Kinsloe-
 Merchant; Newton Hamilton B. Sept. 1-1819 D. Mar. 31-1890, son of James and Elizabeth
 (Martin) Kinsloe
 a. Emma Elizabeth Kinsloe B. Mar. 22-1842 D. July 22-1921 M. June 5-1862 Joseph Fearon
 Mann-Axe factory; Lewistown, Pa. B. Nov. 29-1842 D. Nov. 22-1905
 i. Sibella Kinsloe Mann B. Sept. 11-1863 D. Aug. 11-1865 / (no issue)
 ii. William Harris Mann B. Mar. 22-1865 D. Apr. 18-1920 M. Nov. 30-1889 Anna Spear
 iii. Anna Hutchinson Mann B. May 26-1867
 iv. Harriet Porter Mann B. June 11-1869
 v. Robert Ralph Mann (never married) B. July 22-1871 D. Sept. 3-1911
 vi. Harvey Mann B. Apr. 22-1873 D. Apr. 22-1873
 b. Floketta Kinsloe B. Apr. 20-1844 D. Nov. 4-1844
 c. Mary Ruth Kinsloe B. July 30-1846 D. Apr. 4-1904 M. 1874 W. Richard Morrison (no issue)

- d. Sibella Jane Kinsloe (never married) B. Sept. 20-1848 D. Aug. 12-1930
- e. Laura Amanda Kinsloe B. Mar. 19-1850 D. Apr. 23-1850
- f. Henry Clay Kinsloe-Merchant; Newton Hamilton, Pa. B. Sept. 13-1852 D. May 7-1932 M. 1871
 Mary Elizabeth Doughman B. Oct. 17-1849 D. Nov. 18-1909, daughter of William and Maria (Selheimer) Doughman
 - i. William Doughman Kinsloe B. July 30-1872 D. Jan. 17-1929
 - ii. Sibella Margaret Kinsloe B. Nov. 13-1874 D. Dec. 22-1874
 - iii. Robert Martin Kinsloe, II B. Nov. 30-1875 D. Aug. 16-1879
 - iv. John Hamilton Kinsloe B. Oct. 25-1878 M. June 8-1905 Nellie Belle Ewing
 (A) John Hamilton Kinsloe, Jr. B. Jan. 12-1909 M. Jan. 23-1932 Evelyn Burpee
- g. Adaline Kinsloe B. Feb. 15-1855 D. Aug. 12-1855
- h. James Frank Martin Kinsloe B. May 25-1856 D. Jan. 20-1857
- 7. Sarah Bell B. Jan. 2-1823 D. Mar. 8-1910 M. Dec. 3-1844 Francis Martin-Farmer; Hammond, Ill.
 B. Nov. 11-1822 D. Sept. 2-1904, son of Samuel and Nancy (Stark) Martin
 - a. Nancy Jane Martin (p. 69) B. Oct. 18-1845 D. Apr. 25-1880
 - b. Joseph Bell Martin (p. 69) B. Feb. 5-1848 D. Aug. 6-1919
 - c. Mary Adaline Martin B. Aug. 7-1849
 - d. John Henry Martin (never married) B. July 20-1851 D. Mar. 17-1910
- 8. Mary Jane Bell B. Jan. 3-1825 D. Mar. 25-1891 M. 1855 Preston Blackburn Knight-Attorney; Lincoln, Illinois B. Nov. 13-1818 D. Mar. 30-1888
 - a. Mary L. Knight (never married) B. 1856 D. June 20-1886
- 9. John McCartney Bell - Farmer and schoolman; Mifflin Co. B. Dec. 21-1826 D. July 3-1887 M.
 Apr. 5-1849 Henrietta Haller B. Aug. 31-1822 D. Aug. 13-1897, daughter of Henry and (Margaret (Alexander) Haller
 - a. Frances Margaret Bell (p. 70) B. Feb. 16-1850 D. Oct. 10-1898
 - b. William Thompson Bell (p. 70) B. June 23-1852 D. Feb. 26-1923
 - c. Henry Haller Bell (p. 71) B. Sept. 9-1853 D. June 10-1934
 - d. John Vernon Bell (p. 71) B. Sept. 26-1855 D. Aug. 23-1931
 - e. Davis Bates Bell (p. 71) B. Mar. 22-1857 D. Mar. 1-1930
- 10. Ann Eliza Bell B. Jan. 29-1829 D. July 12-1844
- 11. Amanda Ellen Bell B. Jan. 27-1831 D. Aug. 13-1852 M. May 24-1849 James Hamilton Alexander - Farmer; Mifflin Co. B. Nov. 19-1819 D. Oct. 19-1893, son of Samuel Edmiston and Mary
 a. Samuel Clark Alexander B. May 6-1850 D. June 2-1851 [(Alexander) Alexander
 b. John Bell Alexander B. Feb. 6-1852 D. Dec. 24-1885 M. Aug. 11-1880 Carrie Berwick
 i. Florence Alexander B. 1881 D. 1903
- 12. Adaline Bell B. Apr. 7-1833 D. June 2-1906 M. Mar. 1-1853 Henry Haller - Merchant; Hillsboro, Ill. B. June 3-1828 D. May 2-1899, son of Jacob Haller
 - a. Mary Illinois Haller B. Sept. 20-1854 D. June 23-1931 (no issue)
 M. (1) Feb. 8-1875 Richard Smith D. May 10-1878
 M. (2) June 15-1885 Henry H. Herman D. July 18-1905
 M. (3) Dec. 20-1908 Frederick Williams D. Feb. 16-1920
 - b. John Samuel Haller B. July 4-1856 D. May 16-1933 M. Oct. 14-1882 Frances P. Dustin
 i. William Henry Haller B. Mar. 19-1884 (B. 1860 D. Nov. 29-1940)
 ii. Robert O. Haller B. Sept. 10-1886
 iii. Alma Frances Haller B. June 2-1892 M. (1) Jan. 1-1914 Edward D. Blinn M. (2) May (1-1926 Edward F. Bohn
 - c. Lucinda Jane Haller B. Jan. 11-1858 M. Sept. 16-1895 (no issue) Edward Emmett Rodecker
 (D. Apr. 3-1927
 - d. Anna Priscilla Haller B. Nov. 23-1859 M. Oct. 14-1894 (no issue) J. Thomas Caler
 - e. Clara Sibella Haller (p. 64) B. Oct. 5-1861
 - f. Francis Boggs Haller B. Aug. 14-1866

Family of

JOHN HOWARD BELL (P. 60) Physician; Lewistown, Pa. B. Nov. 1-1839 D. Mar. 24-1884 M. Dec. 15-1863
 ELIZA ANN MARTIN B. Jan. 23-1837 D. Mar. 19-1906, daughter of James McGinniss and Eliza (Long)
 (Martin)

1. Mary Jane Bell (never married) B. Sept. 24-1864 D. Feb. 13-1887
2. William Clark Bell - Farmer; Lewistown, Pa. B. Jan. 19-1866 D. Nov. 19-1923 M. Apr. 25-1895
 Mary Margaret Sterret B. Nov. 1-1873
 - a. Roy Sterret Bell B. Nov. 23-1896 M. May 18-1925 Catherine Knepp
 - i. Nora May Bell B. June 3-1927
 - ii. Mary Christine Bell B. Feb. 6-1929
 - iii. Pauline Phyllis Bell B. Nov. 10-1934
 - b. Sylvia May Bell B. May 16-1899 M. Dec. 28-1920 Melvin D. Krepps
 - i. Elsie May Krepps B. Aug. 25-1921 M. May 13-1938 Roy S. Boyer, Jr.
 - (A) Ronald James Boyer B. Nov. 5-1938
 - (B) Gene Harold Boyer B. Jan. 22-1940
 - ii. Chester William Krepps B. July 29-1923
 - iii. Mary Elizabeth Krepps B. Sept. 25-1925
 - iv. Anna Louise Krepps B. Mar. 18-1929
 - v. Pearl Evelyn Krepps B. Feb. 1-1931
3. John Foster Bell B. Nov. 23-1868 D. Nov. 28-1868
4. James Edwin Bell B. Mar. 29-1870 M. Oct. 22-1893 Trankelena Ellsberry B. July 4-1877
 - a. Bert Bell B. Aug. 2-1894 M. June 28-1922 Evelyn M. Sharpe
 - i. Elwood Sharpe Bell B. Aug. 2-1926
 - b. Mary Priscilla Bell B. Mar. 18-1903 D. May 1-1916
 - c. Eliza Martin Bell B. Feb. 14-1905 D. Feb. 5-1910
5. Ellsworth Howard Bell B. Feb. 3-1877 M. Oct. 31-1908 Cora Richardson Knight B. Jan. 6-1878
 (no issue)
6. John Henry Bell B. Oct. 25-1878 D. Nov. 28-1881

Family of

LAURA MATILDA HINDS (P. 60) B. Aug. 8-1852 D. Dec. 5-1911 M. Feb. 26-1880 HENRY HALLER BATES
 Farmer; Manhattan, Kans. B. Sept. 19-1856 D. Oct. 24-1931; son of Davis and Frances Martha
 [(Haller) Bates]

1. Frank Lorin Bates B. May 17-1882 M. Dec. 25-1908 Pearl Bird; M. (2) Dec. 24-1929 Jean Bright
 - a. Frances Haller Bates B. Sept. 19-1909
2. Bertha B. Bates B. 1885, died young
3. Vernon Elwell Bates B. Sept. 15-1889 M. Margaret May Ratliff
4. Ruth Haller Bates B. Nov. 8-1891 D. Aug. 12-1911
5. Harold D. Bates B. June 22-1896 M. Elizabeth Grace Ratliff

Family of

JAMES CLARK BELL (P. 60) Farmer; Lewistown, Pa. B. Mar. 13-1847 D. Jan. 23-1928 M. Jan. 16-1872

SARAH ANN BEASHOR B. Mar. 24-1849 D. Sept. 19-1922, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Mohler) Beashor

1. William Herbert Bell B. May 12-1873 M. June 22-1904 Sara J. Sieber B. Nov. 15-1874
 - a. Sarah Kathryn Bell B. July 8-1905 M. Feb. 9-1930 Homer F. Kreidler
 - i. David Bell Kreidler B. Mar. 31-1937
 - b. Ruth Eleanor Bell B. Aug. 11-1907
 - c. Mary Madeline Bell B. Feb. 13-1910 (twin) M. Nov. 25-1938 Alexander Samuel Cunningham
 - (B. Aug. 24-1911)
 - d. Mildred Anna Bell B. Feb. 13-1910 (twin) M. Apr. 12-1941 Edward James Fluck
 - e. William Herbert Bell, Jr., B. Dec. 17-1914
 - f. John Howard Bell B. Aug. 3-1917
 2. J. Harris Bell B. Jan. 15-1875 M. Dec. 22-1904 Bessie Shirley Grumbine M. (2) 1931 Joan
 - a. Miriam Shirley Bell B. Aug. 5-1908 M. June 25-1932 John Hall
 - i. Gerald Newton Hall B. June 26-1934
 - ii. Shirley Louise Hall B. Oct. 8-1935
 - iii. Ronald LeRoy Hall B. Apr. 14-1939
 - b. Anna May Bell B. Oct. 3-1909 M. May 30-1928 Henry Egger Harner
 - i. Barbara Ann Harner B. Feb. 25-1929
 - ii. Henry Egger Harner, Jr., B. Sept. 19-1930
 - iii. Elizabeth May Harner B. Aug. 5-1935
 - iv. Michaelle Bell Harner B. Mar. 2-1938
 - c. Chester Elwood Bell B. Apr. 27-1914 D. Dec. 18-1917
 3. Albert Mayfield Bell B. Dec. 6-1876 M. Jan. 2-1912 Jessie Elizabeth Giles
 - a. Carolyn Elizabeth Bell B. Nov. 17-1912 M. Sept. 11-1937 William Herbert Hand
 - i. Susan Bell Hand B. Sept. 21-1939
 4. Charles Clark Bell - Merchant; Nanticoke, Pa. B. Dec. 12-1878 D. Nov. 9-1924 M. Feb. 2-1905
 - a. Dorothy Louise Bell B. Oct. 24-1906 M. Dec. 29-1925 Charlton Heslop
 - i. Jane Mae Heslop B. Mar. 21-1927
 - ii. Paul Charlton Heslop B. June 22-1938
 - b. Charles Clark Bell, Jr., B. Sept. 24-1908 M. Nov. 9-1933 Edna Hutchins
 - c. Margaret Kyle Bell B. Apr. 1-1911 M. Mar. 18-1932 Carl W. Dietrick
 - d. Robert James Bell B. Sept. 15-1913 M. Oct. 14-1938 Margaret Wolfe
 - e. Edgar Theodore Bell B. Mar. 30-1918
 5. Besse Irene Bell B. Mar. 2-1881 M. Nov. 28-1906 Gustavus E. Mancke
 - a. Richard Bell Mancke B. Dec. 20-1907 M. Feb. 8-1936 Jeanne Moyer
 - b. Walter Bell Mancke B. May 26-1909 D. May 28-1909
 - c. Donald Bell Mancke B. Oct. 7-1910 M. Sept. 4-1937 Elizabeth Schlottman
 - i. Robin Bell Mancke B. Mar. 3-1940
 - d. Edgar Bell Mancke B. Apr. 18-1914 M. Feb. 25-1939 Sara Ann McMeen
 - i. Ralph Gustavus Mancke B. Aug. 27-1940
 - e. Vernon Bell Mancke B. Sept. 17-1917
 6. Howard Homer Bell - Physician; St. Louis, Mo. B. Aug. 19-1884 D. Jan. 7-1932 M. Dec. 25-1929 Elizabeth Ruth Hull (no issue)
- JAMES CLARK BELL M. (2) 1923 CHARLOTTE WIKE B. 1897
7. James Gerald Bell B. June 22-1925

Family of

CLARA JANE HINDS (P. 60) B. Aug. 21-1855 D. Jan. 26-1913 M. Apr. 23-1889 WILLIAM MARTIN LAIRD - Merchant; Petersburg, Pennsylvania B. Nov. 22-1853 D. Feb. 2-1894, son of Robert Alexander and Elizabeth (Martin) Laird

1. Ralph Raymond Laird B. June 19-1890 M. Apr. 2-1914 Mattie Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
 - a. Joe Ralph Laird B. Dec. 29-1922
2. Mary Elizabeth Laird B. June 26-1892 M. Apr. 7-1920 Harry Evertt McCullick
 - a. Dorothy Lucille McCullick B. Sept. 17-1925

Family of

CLARA SIBELLA HALLER (P. 61) B. Oct. 5-1861 M. Apr. 15-1885 CHARLES BRELL D. Apr. 17-1921 Mankato, (Minn.)

1. Carl Henry Brell B. Jan. 27-1887 D. July 15-1887
2. Henry Herman Brell B. Apr. 19-1891 M. Jan. 1-1915 Hazel Anderson
 - a. Elwood Nesbitt Brell B. Nov. 6-1917 D. Nov. 23-1917
 - b. Carl David Brell B. Feb. 8-1919
 - c. Edwin Leroy Brell B. Apr. 26-1920 D. May 23-1921
 - d. Helen Jean Brell B. July 7-1924
 - e. Ralph Henry Brell B. July 4-1926

Family of

MARY ELLEN HINDS (P. 60) B. June 23-1838 D. Nov. 28-1921 M. Dec. 25-1855 JAMES A. DRAKE - Farmer, Mount Ayr, Ia. B. 1832 D. May 24-1868, son of James and Elizabeth (Postlethwaite) Drake

1. John Postlethwaite Drake (never married) B. Dec. 3-1856 D. Feb. 7-1935
2. Thomas Andrew Drake B. Aug. 21-1858 M. Feb. 14-1884 Dora Carolyn Landreth B. Nov. 16-1865
 - a. Willis Henry Drake B. Feb. 15-1885 M. Oct. 16-1907 Gertrude Burns B. Sept. 15-1883
 1. Loren Russell Drake B. July 8-1909 M. Aug. 15-1929 Velma Hailey B. Nov. 1-1910
 - (A) Juanita Drake B. Aug. 10-1930
 - (B) Harold Wayne Drake B. Mar. 23-1934
 - (C) Lloyd Raymond Drake B. Nov. 5-1935
 - ii. Albert Lee Drake B. June 13-1913 M. June 24-1933 Alberta Hall B. Nov. 8-1913
 - (A) Dennis Lee Drake B. Aug. 29-1938
 - b. Anna Drake B. Mar. 23-1886 M. Aug. 24-1909 Murland A. Dufty B. Apr. 17-1887
 1. Leland Richard Dufty B. May 14-1910 M. Apr. 23-1932 Mary Walker B. Mar. 19-1911
 - (A) Sallie Lee Dufty B. Sept. 2-1933
 - ii. Lyndon Herbert Dufty B. Sept. 7-1912 M. June 22-1933 Rose Mary Frisby B. Aug. 16-1915
 - (A) Shanda Sue Dufty B. July 4-1935
 - iii. Bernard Ivan Dufty B. Dec. 12-1914 M. Sept. 13-1935 Marguerite Vance B. July 13-1916
 - (A) Peggy Jane Dufty B. Oct. 18-1937
 - (B) Allen Andrew Dufty B. Mar. 4-1940
 - iv. Verba Dora Dufty B. Oct. 12-1917 M. Sept. 21-1935 Robert Beck B. May 12-1915
 - (A) David Michael Beck B. Aug. 14-1937
 - (B) Judith Ann Beck B. Oct. 13-1940
 - c. Russell Eli Drake B. Nov. 28-1887 M. Jan. 3-1912 Nora Moon B. May 23-1893
 1. Helene Hortense Drake B. Mar. 13-1913 M. Nov. 5-1938 Wendell Pahre B. Aug. 25-1913
 - (A) Richard Neil Pahre B. Oct. 30-1940

- d. Mary Bernice Drake B. May 4-1892 M. May 21-1913 Morris O. Gray B. Apr. 22-1891
(no issue)
- e. Nellie Naomi Drake B. Feb. 20-1899 M. Nov. 23-1924 Carroll C. Miller B. May 24-1899
i. Thomas Oliver Miller B. Feb. 8-1927
ii. Carolyn Dale Miller B. Apr. 20-1930 D. July 7-1930
3. Willis Edmond Drake B. Apr. 10-1864 M. Feb. 14-1892 Della Maude Long
- a. James Vernon Drake B. Apr. 5-1893 M. May 18-1915 May Warrick B. Jan. 29-1894
i. Florence Drake B. Feb. 4-1917 M. June 13-1936 Rex Foltz B. Mar. 28-1914
ii. Bessie Cleo Drake B. Nov. 27-1918 D. Nov. 29-1918
iii. Helen Drake B. Nov. 24-1919 M. Sept. 5-1939 Wayland Young B. Oct. 5-1920
iv. Glen Drake B. Aug. 22-1921
v. Rose Drake B. Dec. 8-1931
vi. Richard Lee Drake B. Dec. 29-1937
- b. Cloyd L. Drake B. Oct. 21-1896 M. Jan. 22-1919 Amelia Dolecheck B. May 7-1898
i. Lila Drake B. Jan. 31-1921
ii. Evelyn Drake B. Aug. 13-1927
- c. G. Raymond Drake B. Oct. 8-1901 M. Dec. 25-1920 Lela Stephens B. Jan. 9-1900
D. July 15-1938 M. (2) May 15-1940 Georgie Saltzman Conant B. July 16-1902
i. Raymond Drake B. Aug. 23-1922 M. Mar. 5-1941 Mary Lou Shaffer
ii. Maxine Drake B. Feb. 23-1927
iii. Margaret Drake B. Sept. 15-1928
iv. Robert Drake B. Sept. 18-1930
- d. Warren Andrew Drake B. Aug. 2-1904 M. Apr. 10-1925 Mary Ferber B. July 13-1903
i. Linden Drake B. Mar. 9-1926
ii. Lyle Drake B. May 5-1929
iii. Paul Drake B. May 14-1933
iv. Merle Edward Drake (twin) B. Aug. 22-1937
v. Mildred Annabel Drake (twin) B. Aug. 22-1937
- e. Florence Ruth Drake B. Jan. 19-1908 D. Mar. 13-1908
- f. Floy W. Drake B. Apr. 18-1909 M. Jan. 1 - 1931 Maude McKee B. June 25-1911
i. Alice Kay Drake B. Apr. 22-1937
ii. Doris Ann Drake B. Jan. 4-1939
4. Minnie Montana Drake B. Apr. 23-1866 D. Sept. 10-1878
- MARY ELLEN HINDS DRAKE M. (2) Apr. 13-1871 JESSE CRUM DICKEN - Farmer; Mount Ayr, Ia. B. July
(25-1846 D. Apr. 27-1886)
5. Laura Dicken B. May 27-1872 M. Apr. 23-1904 Thomas Erastus Williams B. Jan. 5-1877
- a. Lois E. Williams B. June 22-1905 M. Aug. 25-1927 Lloyd James Conover B. Apr. 26-1902
i. Robert Lloyd Conover B. Nov. 17-1930
ii. William James Conover B. Apr. 14-1936
- b. Wilma Ruth Williams B. Feb. 24-1910 M. May 10-1932 Delbert Lord B. May 14-1905
i. Anna Laura Lord B. Mar. 12-1933
ii. Thomas Garfield Lord B. Feb. 26-1934
iii. James Orin Lord B. Apr. 28-1935
iv. Donna Ruth Lord B. Apr. 6-1936
v. Doris Marie Lord B. Dec. 4-1937
vi. Joe Ernie Lord B. Oct. 7-1939
6. Mary Lulu Dicken B. Jan. 7-1874 M. Jan. 14-1896 Poe Johnston B. Sept. 20-1868
- a. Andrew Dicken (Dee) Johnston B. Mar. 12-1897 M. Jan. 18-1918 Della Beatrice Croy B. Nov.
i. Wayne Andrew Johnston B. Nov. 2-1918 (9-1898)
ii. Paul Albert Johnston B. Apr. 2-1921 M. Dec. 24-1940 Adrianna Frame
iii. Floyd Johnston B. Oct. 8-1928
iv. Norman Lee Johnston B. Oct. 11-1934
- b. Ruth Johnston B. Feb. 22-1899 D. Mar. 9-1899
- c. Forest Roe Johnston B. Feb. 5-1901

- d. Delta L. Johnston B. Feb. 23-1905 M. Roland Nichols
 - 1. Vera May Nichols B. May 10-1924
- e. Roy R. Johnston B. Aug. 7-1907
- f. Harold Johnston B. Dec. 29-1908 M. Apr. 11-1938 Theola Benson B. May 9-1918
- g. Guy Johnston B. Mar. 12-1912
- h. Ivan Poe Johnston B. Sept. 28-1915 M. Sept. 25-1938 Lucille Glendinning B. Dec. 30-1917
 - 1. Lyle Eugene Johnston B. Mar. 29-1941

Family of

- SARAH ELMIRA HINDS (P. 60) B. May 20-1841 D. Jan. 24-1920 M. June 14-1870 HENRY CALVIN McCARTHY - Physician; Altoona, Pa. B. Feb. 5-1841 D. June 6-1897, son of John R. and Eleanor (Lane) McCarthy
- 1. Dora Bell McCarthy B. Apr. 22-1872 M. Dec. 19-1900 Elmer Ellsworth Neff B. Apr. 23-1864
 - 2. Frank Lane McCarthy B. Jan. 14-1874 D. May 19-1930
 - 3. Cloyd Melvin McCarthy B. Aug. 28-1876 D. Aug. 19-1903
 - 4. Harry Lloyd McCarthy B. Dec. 12-1878 M. Nov. 27-1911 Mary Gerson Bowman
 - a. James B. McCarthy B. June 26-1915 M. Aug. 31-1940 Patricia Haney
 - b. Joan McCarthy B. June 14-1916
 - c. Nan Gerson McCarthy B. Jan. 31-1919
 - d. Jack McCarthy B. Apr. 19-1921

Family of

- JOHN WILLIAM HINDS (P. 60) Farmer; Culver, Kansas B. July 7-1844 D. Apr. 1-1914 M. Nov. 26-1868 Emma Wilson B. Mar. 31-1845 D. Nov. 22-1924, daughter of William and Eleanor (Baily) Wilson
- 1. William Andrew Hinds B. Feb. 27-1870 M. Aug. 27-1919 Elsie Riley West D. June 24-1940
 - a. Bernice Emma Hinds B. Sept. 8-1920 M. June 26-1938 Walter William Matt B. Mar. 5-1915
 - 1. Marjean Mary Matt B. Sept. 6-1939
 - 11. John Walter Matt B. Apr. 2-1941
 - b. Marjorie Juniata Hinds B. Apr. 22-1922 M. July 3-1940 Floyd Raymond Cramsey B. Sept. 30-1917
 - 2. Russell Edgar Hinds B. Aug. 20-1872 D. July 13-1887
 - 3. Elmer Wilson Hinds B. June 9-1875 D. Sept. 12-1879
 - 4. Ella Bell Hinds B. Mar. 9-1878 D. Sept. 21-1879
 - 5. Clara Bertha Hinds B. Nov. 9-1880 M. Mar. 23-1910 Anson Emor Thompson
 - a. Helen Thompson B. Dec. 24-1910 M. May 12-1934 Nat Walker B. Apr. 9-1909
 - 1. Richard Irving Walker B. Oct. 6-1938
 - b. Charles Hinds Thompson B. Oct. 11-1913 M. Nov. 9-1935 Alice Marie Glassford B. May 27-1916
 - 1. Charles Glassford Thompson B. May 14-1937
 - c. Ruth Thompson B. Dec. 21-1915 D. Dec. 3-1917
 - d. Marjorie Thompson B. June 20-1920
 - e. Anson Eugene Thompson B. Sept. 24-1922
 - f. Eleanor Thompson B. Jan. 5-1928 D. Jan. 10-1928
 - 6. Edna Milliken Hinds B. Aug. 8-1883 D. Apr. 18-1884
 - 7. Mary Elva Hinds B. Oct. 2-1885
 - 8. Anna Juniata Hinds B. Nov. 30-1888 D. Feb. 5-1889

Family of

SAMUEL MARTIN BELL (P. 60) Farmer; Lewistown, Pa. B. Aug. 20-1842 D. Feb. 12-1921 M. Mar. 18-1868
 SARAH CATHERINE NICHOLS B. May 13-1842 D. Aug. 13-1925; daughter of James Henry and Eliza
 [(Adams) Nichols]

1. Frank Thompson Bell - Methodist minister; Central Penna. (Weatherly, Reedsville, Newport, Bellwood) B. Feb. 4-1869 D. July 21-1924 M. Dec. 28-1905 Marion Estelle Seibert B. Nov. (19-1880)
 - a. Raymond Martin Bell B. Mar. 21-1907
 - b. Sarah Catherine Bell B. May 14-1909
2. Ralph Curtis Bell B. May 10-1876 M. Mar. 25-1903 Kathryn Pearl Alexander B. Apr. 2-1880
 - a. Clarence Alexander Bell B. Mar. 22-1907 M. Mar. 2-1932 Dorothy Grace Lantz B. Feb. 21-1. Barbara Ann Bell B. June 5-1935 (1913)
 - b. Robert Martin Bell B. Oct. 11-1911 D. Nov. 25-1913
 - c. John Ralph Bell B. May 4-1916 M. Feb. 19-1941 June Beatrice Miller B. June 4-1917
 - d. Francis Burns Bell B. May 12-1918 M. Aug. 1-1938 Norene Larue Musser B. Dec. 12-1920
 1. Robert Francis Bell B. June 19-1939

Family of

JAMES ELLIS BELL (P. 60) Methodist minister; Central Penna. (York, Pa.) B. Aug. 4-1846 D. Mar. 21-1932 M. Jan. 15-1880 JUNIATA WATERS B. Apr. 13-1853 D. Mar. 16-1930 daughter of Plummer and Elsie (Wilson) Waters

1. Grace Bowman Bell B. Mar. 9-1881 M. Oct. 5-1904 William Murdock Kiser B. Dec. 14-1872 (D. Apr. 3-1936)
 - a. Elizabeth Bell Kiser B. Oct. 10-1905 M. Sept. 3-1925 Orpheus Milton Harper
 1. June Waters Harper B. Oct. 31-1934
 11. Robert Brooks Harper B. Dec. 1-1937
 - b. Virginia Bell Kiser B. Jan. 23-1907 M. Feb. 15-1936 William Harrison Rhodes, Jr.
 1. William Harrison Rhodes, III B. Dec. 15-1938
 - c. June Waters Kiser B. May 9-1913 M. Dec. 24-1940 Thomas Stuart White
 - d. William Murdock Kiser, Jr., B. June 15-1918
2. Mary Elsie Bell B. Mar. 23-1883 M. June 28-1910 Lewis Emory Westwood Buckingham B. June 23-1869 D. May 25-1938
 - a. Henry McGinley Buckingham B. Apr. 9-1911 M. Nov. 18-1939 Lewraine Magee B. July 23-1914
 1. Marion Bell Buckingham B. Aug. 21-1940
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Buckingham B. Mar. 12-1914 M. June 22-1940 William Herbert Shoemaker (B. Nov. 7-1916)
 - c. James Ellis Buckingham B. Oct. 19-1915 (twin)
 - d. Lewis Bell Buckingham B. Oct. 19-1915 (twin)
3. Marion Ellis Bell B. Nov. 23-1886
4. Lois Jordan Bell B. May 15-1889

Family of

- JOHN FOSTER BELL (P. 60) Methodist minister; Central Penna. (Milroy, Pa.) B. Oct. 16-1844 D. Mar. 5-1878 M. Feb. 20-1873 MARIA EMORY NAGINEY B. Mar. 17-1848 D. Jan. 14-1933 daughter of John (D. and Mary (Marks) Naginey
1. Alfred Emory Bell B. Dec. 9-1873 D. June 13-1875
 2. John Thompson Bell - Methodist minister; Central Penna. (Bedford, Pa.) B. July 10-1876 D. Mar. 27-1922 M. May 24-1897 Claudia Kitchen B. May 4-1876 D. Oct. 9-1932
 - a. Emery Mack Bell B. Oct. 10-1898
 - b. Helen Vesper Bell B. Dec. 28-1909 M. June 5-1930 Edgar Dunbar Morris
 - i. John Smith Morris B. Dec. 7-1931
 - ii. James Edgar Morris B. Oct. 20-1933

Family of

- GRUBER H. BELL (P. 60) Farmer; auctioneer; Lewistown, Pa. B. Mar. 9-1853 D. Jan. 24-1924 M. Mar. 21-1878 ANNETTA JANE SHADLE B. Sept. 16-1855 D. June 27-1934 daughter of John M. and Margaret [(Barr) Shadle
1. John Foster Bell (never married) B. Feb. 23-1879 D. June 4-1914
 2. Harvey Thompson Bell B. June 18-1884 D. June 18-1890
 3. Mary Barr Bell B. Apr. 15-1890 D. Sept. 27-1936 M. Sept. 8-1909 Frederick William Stannert B. July 7-1881 D. Apr. 2-1939
 - a. William Bell Stannert B. Oct. 26-1919

Family of

- GEORGE THOMPSON BELL (P. 60) Commission merchant; Wilkes-Barre, Pa. B. July 2-1860 D. May 3-1930 M. Apr. 26-1887 MARGARET ANN BYERS B. Jan. 24-1862 D. Oct. 10-1940
1. Fearon Byers Bell B. Mar. 20-1888 M. Mar. 9-1918 Dora Louise Sickler B. Dec. 18-1889
 - a. James Adams Bell B. Jan. 25-1919
 - b. Marion Louise Bell B. Nov. 17-1920
 - c. Janet Byers Bell B. Nov. 4-1923
 2. Gertrude Himes Bell B. Aug. 23-1890 M. Sept. 12-1917 Howard Lucas Williams B. Aug. 9-1889
 - a. Howard Lucas Williams, Jr., B. Dec. 5-1921
 - b. Margaret Bell Williams B. Apr. 4-1924
 3. Vincent Gruber Bell B. Oct. 4-1892 M. Feb. 24-1925 Marguerite Amelia Spielberger B. Nov. 2- (1900)
 - a. Vincent Gruber Bell, Jr., B. Nov. 30-1925
 4. Harvey Hahn Bell B. Dec. 14-1894 D. Dec. 18-1896
 5. George Thompson Bell, Jr., B. July 4-1899 M. Jan. 10-1925 Sara Leach Wolfe B. May 28-1904
 - a. Betsy Jane Bell B. Mar. 15-1928
 - b. George Thompson Bell, III B. June 22-1931

Family of

NANCY JANE MARTIN (P. 61) B. Oct. 18-1845 D. Apr. 25-1880 M. Aug. 18-1867 JOSEPH FERNANDO ESKRIDGE
B. Aug. 8-1844 D. Aug. 26-1909

1. Elmer Eskridge - Farmer; Hammond, Ill. B. Apr. 7-1868 D. Aug. 31-1935 M. Jan. 18-1893 Ella
(Folmer)
 - a. Florence Bell Eskridge B. Oct. 4-1893 M. Mar. 7-1917 Lynn M. Griswold
 - i. Ella Eileen Griswold B. May 6-1918
 - ii. Mary Elizabeth Griswold B. Dec. 23-1919
 - iii. Edna Elaine Griswold B. Aug. 23-1922
 - iv. Esther Lucile Griswold B. Sept. 16-1926
 - b. Homer Elmer Eskridge B. Aug. 19-1899 M. May 27-1939 Grace Howell
 - i. Judy Grace Eskridge B. Apr. 9-1940
 - c. Fern Lucile Eskridge B. June 26-1901 D. Oct. 3-1930
 - d. Maud Ella Eskridge B. Nov. 12-1903 M. June 8-1938 Ray B. Ponder
2. Minnie Eskridge B. Aug. 12-1869 D. July 6-1883
3. John Bell Eskridge B. Sept. 21-1871 M. Mar. 27-1896 Martha Seaman B. Mar. 2-1878 D. Dec. 23-
1932 M. (2) Jan. 15-1934 Lulu Fulton
 - a. Ralph Martin Eskridge B. Aug. 27-1897 M. Sept. 14-1920 Ruth Wren
 - b. Mary Lena Eskridge B. Mar. 19-1899 M. Oct. 3-1919 Merrit Hulbert
 - i. Ola Mae Hulbert B. Jan. 22-1921
 - ii. Martha Alice Hulbert B. Jan. 27-1924
 - c. Valeria May Eskridge B. June 24-1902 M. May 12-1920 Paul Silver
 - i. Vivian Evelyn Silver B. May 31-1921 M. Mar. 24-1940 Rex Spearman
(A) Dixie Lee Spearman B. July 20 -1940
 - ii. Betty Pauline Silver B. Oct. 14-1931
 - d. Vloris Glenn Eskridge B. July 9-1905 D. Sept. 22-1921
 - e. Lewis Elvin Eskridge B. Aug. 2-1917 M. Mar. 23-1940 Elizabeth Bricker
4. Francis Eskridge B. Aug. 7-1874 D. Sept. 6-1916 M. Jan. 31-1905 Ella Phillips B. 1877 D.
(Aug. 20-1916)
 - a. Irma Mary Eskridge B. Feb. 3-1906
 - b. Minnie Ethel Eskridge B. May 17-1908 D. July 14-1936
 - c. Dorothy Blanche Eskridge B. Sept. 9-1909 M. Dec. 28-1939 Rollo Hall
 - d. Opal Macel Eskridge B. Apr. 29-1912 M. July 21-1937 Wilbur Sibley

Family of

JOSEPH BELL MARTIN (P. 61) Methodist minister and farmer; Atwood, Ill. B. Feb. 5-1848 D. Aug. 6-
1919 M. Oct. 29-1872 SARAH E. McALLISTER B. Apr. 9-1853 D. Dec. 13-1925 daughter of S. J. and
(Jane (Williams) McAllister)

1. Mabel Martin B. July 29-1873 M. Dec. 28-1898 William Everett Jumper
 - a. Lena Larone Jumper B. Apr. 21-1901 M. May 21-1922 Paul Edward Riggs
 - i. Charlotte Jean Riggs B. Dec. 3-1924
 - b. Robert Martin Jumper B. Oct. 23-1913 M. Oct. 29-1939 Thelma Murry
2. Francis Martin, II (never married) B. June 29-1880 D. Mar. 5-1926
3. John Martin B. May 5-1882 D. Mar. 29-1884
4. Florence Martin B. Mar. 17-1884 M. June 20-1906 Joseph Edgar Leachman
 - a. Sarah Louise Leachman B. July 24-1919
5. Clarence Allen Martin B. Jan. 8-1886 M. Dec. 11-1912 Irene Jones

- a. Joseph Jones Martin B. Sept. 25-1913 M. Feb. 5-1941 Jenette Pack
- b. William Martin B. Nov. 10-1915
- c. Clarence Allen Martin, Jr. B. Mar. 15-1919
- d. Marjorie Martin B. Jan. 3-1927
- 6. Mary Martin B. Nov. 26-1890 M. Sept. 29-1917 T. Casper Smith
 - a. James Thomas Smith B. July 16-1920

Family of

- FRANCES MARGARET BELL (P. 61) B. Feb. 16-1850 D. Oct. 10-1898 M. June 12-1879 JAMES MCGINNIS
 MARTIN, JR. - Lawyer; Minneapolis, Minn. B. Oct. 10-1851 D. June 18-1932 son of James McGinniss
 (and Emily (Alexander) Martin)
- 1. James McGinniss (Mac) Martin, III B. June 18-1880 M. (1) Aug. 3-1909 Marion Stillwell
 Welles Collier D. Nov. 28-1922 M. (2) Nov. 10-1926 Helen Cobb Tircher B. Mar. 6-1891
 - a. Albert Cobb Martin B. Dec. 23-1920
 - 2. Vernon Bell Martin (never married) B. Aug. 13-1883 D. July 4-1905
 - 3. Henrietta Haller Martin B. Aug. 31-1885 D. July 23-1937 M. Nov. 29-1919 Merrill C. Smith
 (D. Sept. 22-1922)
 - a. Francis Margaret Smith B. July 2-1920

Family of

- WILLIAM THOMPSON BELL (P. 61) Banker; Mt. Union, Pa. B. June 23-1852 D. Feb. 26-1923 M. Mar. 24-
 1881 FRANK W. SHAVER B. Oct. 4-1857, daughter of John and Jane M. Shaver
- 1. John Raymond Bell B. Jan. 30-1882 D. Aug. 16-1882
 - 2. Henry (Harry) Andrews Bell B. Jan. 1-1883 M. June 8-1908 Mary Jeannette Demmy
 - a. Maud Jeanette Bell B. July 19-1909 M. June 25-1931 Charles William Russ, Jr.
 - i. Marianne Russ B. July 4-1932
 - ii. Charles William Russ, III B. May 31-1934
 - b. Henry Andrews Bell, Jr. B. May 16-1911 M. Sept. 3-1938 Irene Doris Bennett B. Aug. 30-
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 - i. Bonnie Anne Bell B. May 22-1941
 - c. Frances Wilson Bell B. Apr. 27-1912 M. Dec. 6-1933 William Harns Biederman B. Aug. 2-
 (1907)
 - i. Francis Josef Biederman, II B. May 16-1936
 - ii. William Harns Biederman, Jr. B. Feb. 23-1939
 - iii. Frederic Bell Biederman B. July 9-1940
 - d. Dorothy Lila Bell B. June 2-1916 M. June 2-1939 Kenneth James Charlton B. Sept. 10-1915
 - i. Alexander Bovard Charlton, II B. Dec. 2-1940
 - 3. Jesse Gilbert Bell B. May 28-1884 M. Feb. 10-1906 Olive May Breish Bachert
 - 4. William Bates Bell B. June 18-1886 D. Feb. 14-1935 M. July 30-1906 Mary Margaret Crum
 - a. William Thompson Bell, II B. May 22-1907 M. Nov. 1-1925 Martha Louise Cooke
 - i. Barbara Jean Bell B. Apr. 27-1927
 - ii. Patsy Car Bell B. Apr. 27-1936
 - b. Cornelius Crum Bell B. Mar. 6-1909 M. Apr. 30-1931 Martha Carlotta Hawley
 - i. Norma Louise Bell B. Aug. 8-1933
 - ii. Robert Hawley Bell B. Jan. 24-1935
 - iii. Betty Lou Bell B. May 4-1937
 - c. Mary Jane Bell B. Mar. 29-1917 Oct. 7-1936 Frank C. Hodgson
 - 5. Hugh Winfred Bell B. May 16-1887 D. Sept. 16-1887

6. Herbert Nevin Bell B. July 1-1889 M. Oct. 28-1920 Jane Esterly
 - a. Margaret Laura Bell B. Aug. 5-1921
 - b. Nancy Ann Bell B. Feb. 16-1927 D. July 10-1935
7. Russell Shaver Bell B. Sept. 3-1891 D. Feb. 10-1923 M. Nov. 26-1914 Sarah Ruth Ewin,
 - a. Sarah Jeanne Bell B. Oct. 14-1916 M. Sept. 21-1935 William Stuart Howard
 1. Rosemary Jeanne Howard B. Aug. 17-1936
 11. Patricia Ann Howard B. Aug. 5-1940
8. Robert Kinsloe Bell B. Jan. 6-1900 M. June 10-1926 Elizabeth Kress B. Feb. 6-1907
 - a. Betty Carl Bell B. May 29-1928
 - b. Katherine Anne Bell B. Apr. 7-1932
 - c. Robert Kinsloe Bell, Jr. B. Nov. 1-1934

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1. Margaret Alexander Bell B. Apr. 5-1897 M. May 26-1923 David Secombe Chatfield
 - a. John Bell Chatfield B. Nov. 2-1924
 - b. Nancy Secombe Chatfield B. June 18-1929
 - c. David Dake Chatfield B. Dec. 2-1933

Family of

JOHN VERNON BELL (P. 61) Presbyterian minister; DuBois, Pa. B. Sept. 26-1855 D. Aug. 23-1931 M. Jan. 15-1885 ANNA BARTON SLAGLE D. Dec. 6-1926

1. John Slagle Bell B. Aug. 7-1886 D. Aug. 27-1906
2. Margaret Anderson Bell B. June 23-1888 M. June 21-1917 Ralph Waldo Lloyd
 - a. John Vernon Lloyd B. May 25-1919
 - b. Hal Baldwin Lloyd B. Mar. 9-1922
 - c. Ruth Bell Lloyd B. Apr. 15-1925
 - d. Louise Margaret Lloyd B. Mar. 26-1929
3. Edward Lewis Bell B. Dec. 5-1889 M. Nov. 24-1926 Evelyn Marie Kuhn
4. Henry Haller Bell, II (never married) B. June 2-1892 D. Apr. 2-1939
5. Anna Barton Bell B. Nov. 17-1894 M. Sept. 26-1916 Walter Roy Sloan
 - a. Margaret Florence Sloan B. Oct. 15-1917
 - b. Dorothy Bell Sloan B. Dec. 4-1918
 - c. John Andrew Sloan, II B. Aug. 26-1920

Family of

DAVIS BATES BELL (P. 61) Insurance; Beaver, Pa. B. Mar. 22-1857 D. Mar. 1-1930 M. May 31-1892
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1. William Prothero Bell B. July 27-1896 D. Aug. 13-1903
2. Frances Martha Bell B. Apr. 23-1899 M. Sept. 6-1924 Raymond Adams Tucker
 - a. Bates Bell Tucker B. Nov. 24-1927
3. John Prothero Bell B. July 15-1909 M. Oct. 3-1936 Mary Gray
 - a. Sara Marie Bell B. June 24-1938

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 Wilmington -- Thompson, Charles H.

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 Hot Sulphur Springs -- Walker, Mrs. Nat

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Danbury -- Bell, Henry A., Jr.

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Titusville -- Bell, C. Crum

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Gooding -- Thompson, Mrs. A. E.

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 Lincoln -- Haller, Robert O.
 Lovington -- Eskridge, Elvin; Eskridge, Ralph; Leachman, Mrs. J. E.; Smith, Mrs. T. Casper

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 Jamesburg -- Shoemaker, Mrs. William H.
 Ocean City -- Bell, Robert K.
 Trenton -- Howard, Mrs. W. S.
 West Allenhurst -- Kreidler, Mrs. Homer F.

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OHIO

Bryan -- Hulbert, Mrs. Merrit

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 Aspinwall -- Sloan, Mrs. Walter R.
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 Kingston -- Bell, Charles C.; Bell, Robert J.
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 Mount Lebanon -- Bell, Edward L.
 Mount Union -- Bell, Mrs. W. Bates; Bell, William T.; Kinsloe, John H.
 Newton Hamilton -- Kinsloe, John H., Jr.
 Paxtang -- Bell, Albert M.; Hand, Mrs. Wm. H.; Harner, Mrs. Henry E.
 Philadelphia -- Bell, Jesse G.; Bell, John R.; Hodgson, Mrs. Frank C.
 Pottstown -- Bell, Harry A.
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 Scranton -- Williams, Mrs. Howard L.
 South Fork -- Buckingham, Henry M.
 Villanova -- Bell, Miss Emery M.; Morris, Mrs. Edgar D.
 Washington -- Bell, Raymond M.
 Wilkes-Barre -- Bell, Bert; Bell, Ed; Bell, Fearon B.; Bell, George T.; Bell, Mrs. W.H.
 York -- Bell, Misses Marion and Lois;
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